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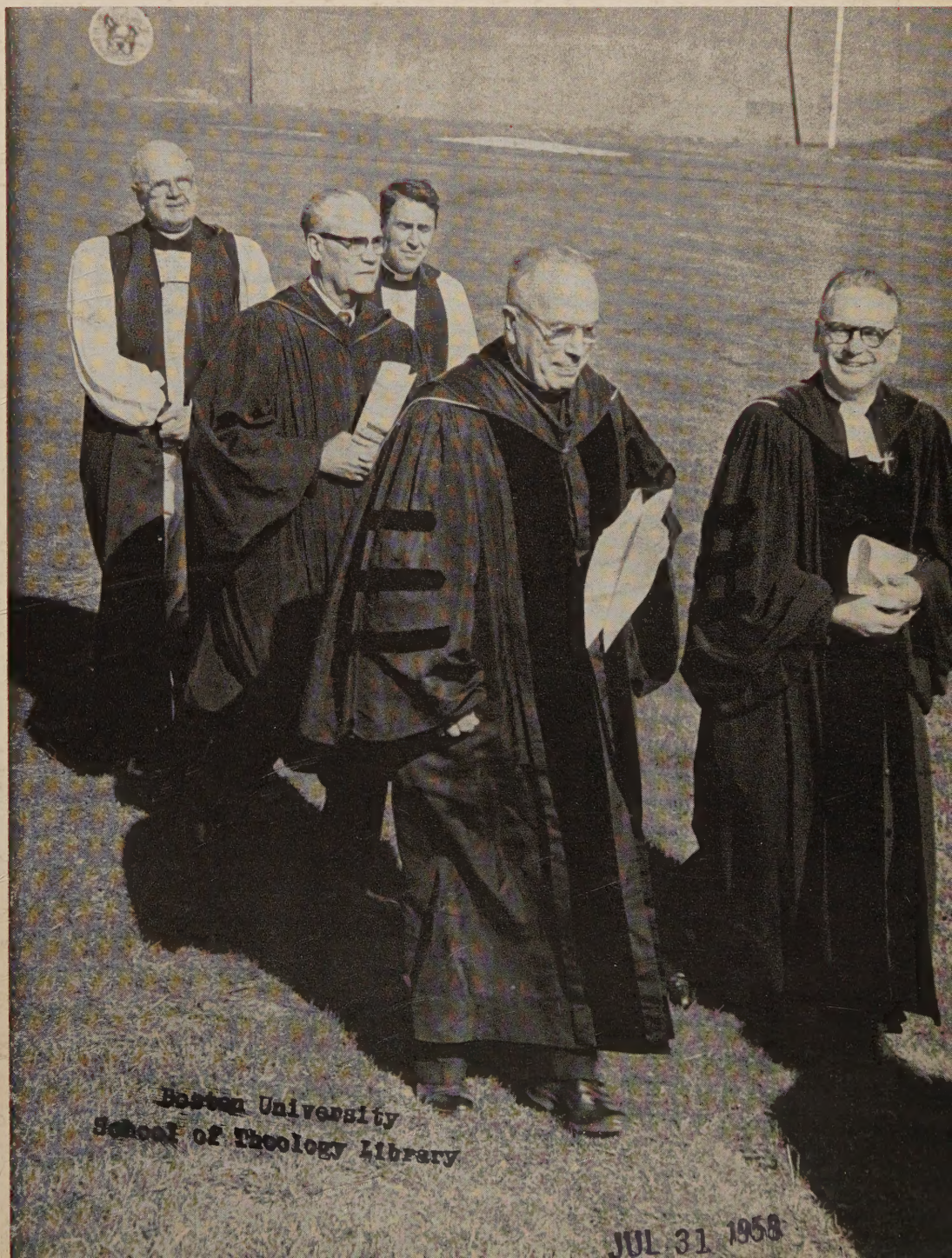

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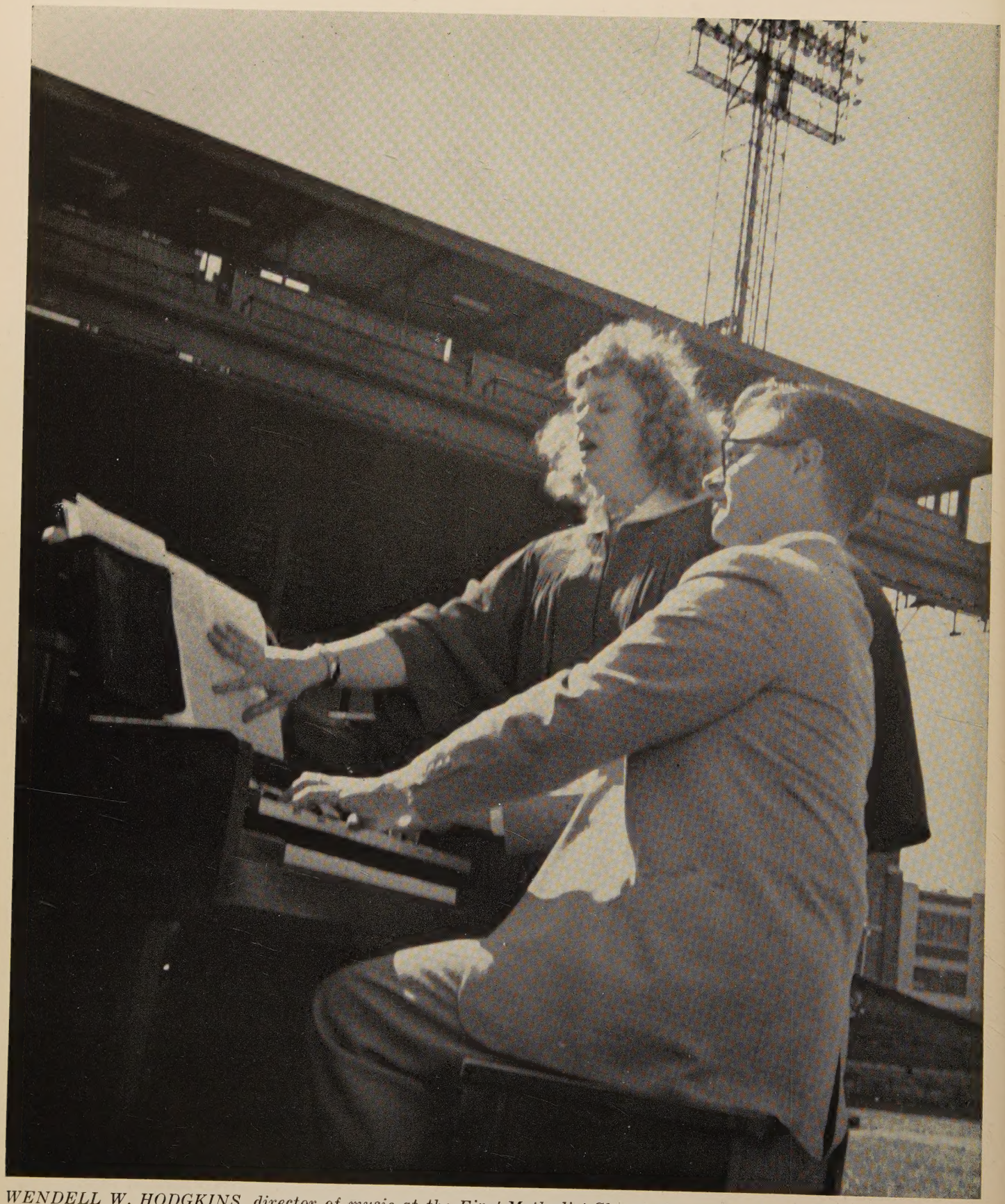

WENDELL W. HODGKINS, director of music at the First Methodist Church, Lynn, who played the organ. Mrs. Hodgkins is turning the pages for him.

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In a Sentence

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"The Christian faith holds that love conquers, that hearts can be strangely warmed, that both new men and a new society are possible here and now and that it is thus that Jesus comes and thus that the Holy Spirit works."

—*From Message to the Methodist Church from the Council of Bishops*

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"Some persons think they are doing the Lord's work simply by going to the church, but they should be thankful they are privileged to enter the doors of a church for there is a job to be done by every man, woman, and child in this nation; a job of Christian service."

—GOVERNOR FRANK G. CLEMENT
Tennessee

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"For the church not to speak out on a question of national policy is either an admission that the Christian message does not apply to social and political problems or that it does not have a corporate witness to make."

—DR. WILMER A. COOPER, *Administrative Secretary, Friends Committee on National Legislation*

On the Covers

Front: Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam (left), president of the Council of Bishops, and Bishop John Wesley Lord marching in the procession at the Methodist Anniversary Vespers at Boston University Field on Sunday, June 15. Behind the bishops is Dr. Caradine R. Hooton, general secretary of the Board of Temperance. Bringing up the rear are: the Right Rev. William Appleton Lawrence, retired bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Western Massachusetts, and the Rev. Howard P. Kellett, vicar of Old North Church, Boston. *(Photo by James A. Jones.)*

Back: The entering procession. The vested choir of more than 900 men and women are shown in the procession at the Methodist Anniversary Vespers. In the lead are Dr. James R. Houghton, professor of music at Boston University and Vern Edmunds, general marshal.

Editorials

Facts Are Facts

The Very Rev. Francis J. Lally
Editor, *The Pilot*
49 Franklin St.
Boston, Mass.

Dear Monsignor Lally:

For many years I have enjoyed your editorials in *The Pilot,* always phrased in such gifted and elegant prose, shedding new light on old surfaces.

However, I must confess that I was somewhat let down by your editorial, "Bishop in the Belfry," appearing on June 21.

The writing is up to standard but factually it leaves something to be desired. The editorial concerns itself with a report written by Methodist Bishop John Wesley Lord in 1952. The basic premise of the report was that, at that time at least, "it had been well nigh impossible for an adherent of the Protestant faith to be appointed to any public office" in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Well, Monsignor, you and I and everyone else are well aware that, during the regime of the late lamented Paul A. Dever, this was unfortunately true. Governor Dever was a man of overwhelming friendliness to Catholics and Protestants alike but, when it came to appointments, he gave his fellow Catholics a 95 per cent edge; natural enough, perhaps, but not a very encouraging prospect for non-Catholic voters.

But even today, Bishop Lord's statement is not without a certain degree of applicability, during the present regime of Governor Furcolo, a man reputed in favor of giving non-Catholics somewhere near a fair break.

Let us look at his recent appointments to the bench of the Superior Court and what do we find?

The way it looks at this writing is five Catholics and one Protestant named to the Superior Court. According to all reports as we have them now, a seventh judge will also be a Catholic.

Thus we have as nominees Springfield District Court Judge John M. Noonan; Boston Municipal Court Judge Frank Tomasello; New Bedford District Court Judge August C. Taviere; Edward O. Gourdin of Quincy, a special justice in the Roxbury District Court; John W. Coddaire, Jr., of Haverhill, a special justice in the Peabody District Court; and Stanley W. Wisnioski, Belmont, a member of the State Industrial Accident Board.

The only Protestant among this number is Mr. Gourdin who is a Congregationalist and a Negro.

I don't think, Monsignor, that Governor Furcolo appointed Gourdin because he is a Protestant, but rather because of his race.

In justice to Governor Furcolo, it may have been that no eligible Protestants for this high office sought appointment. If this is true, you must admit the situation is astounding, to say the least.

If, as it rather seems, this is a desire on the part of the governor to create a judiciary overwhelmingly Catholic, it is only natural to hear the facts from Protestant leaders from time to time. If the shoe was on the other foot, my dear monsignor, I am sure that your ready pen or, what is more likely, your typewriter would be hitting on all six.

So let us all be fair, and occasionally give the other fellows a break.

Your pen pal,
BOSTONIAN

A New Editor

Sitting at the editorial desk is a new editor—Warren C. Carberg.

Mr. Carberg, a Methodist layman, has been Director of Methodist Information of the Boston Area since the office was established about two years ago. During this time he has served as Feature Editor for ZIONS HERALD. He is also the former editor of *Bostonia,* Boston University alumni magazine, and was religious news editor of *The Boston Post* for 20 years until it ceased publication recently.

The new editor will not sit at his desk for very long periods. He will be attending numerous church meetings throughout the Boston (New England) Area, and other ecclesiastical meetings of national and international interest. He will be both the promotional and public relations departments and will be seeking the co-operation of all the ministers and laymen in the churches of the Area so that a more complete and vital monthly publication may be continued. At the same time he will be editing the Boston Area supplement for *Together,* and keeping a sharp eye on the shrinking budget which is the usual curse of religious publications.

The former Acting Editor, who has resigned because of increasing duties of Copley Methodist Church in Boston where he is pastor, will continue to work with Mr. Carberg as Consulting Editor.

The publishers and staff of ZIONS HERALD believe that a free religious voice is urgently needed in our world today. ZIONS HERALD will continue to be that free voice in print.

—J.D.E.

Methodism Stirred by Anniversary

Groundswell of Approval

Follows History-Making Event

The Methodist Anniversary Vespers have passed into history.

The services which brought 12,000 people to Boston University Field on Sunday, June 15, to commorate ten years of Methodist Advance under our beloved Bishop John Wesley Lord are too recent to evaluate properly.

But there is a solid groundswell of approval beginning to roll in, not only from different parts of New England, but from other sections of the country.

Not for a long time will Methodist headquarters in Boston be able to gauge the size of the audience reached by press releases and the subsequent video tape presentation carried by ten New England stations on Sunday, June 22.

Large Audience Reached by TV

One large city outside the New England area has shown interest in the development of a similar program and has requested assistance.

The clipping service has sent in Associated and United Press stories about the vespers, indicating wide coverage.

Letters and calls from many ministers extolled the heightened spirituality resulting from the great meeting, the feeling of strength and unity, and the realization that Boston has a tremendous leader in Bishop Lord.

The months of planning and praying on the part of many clergymen and laymen that have gone into the vesper service, and the large amount of faith required to launch a venture so unfamiliar, has been rewarded with at least an apparent success. This, however, is only on the basis of incomplete returns, as the politicians say.

We must still await the verdict of the weeks and the months immediately ahead to determine what, if any, goals were achieved, or whether perhaps the large amount of work and money required has better been devoted to something else.

The Rev. Joseph Porter, of the Massachusetts Council of Churches, arranged for the TV programs. He estimated that the Methodist Church received $8,000 worth of free TV time. This came as a publicity bonus on top of everything else.

Since the TV time came as the direct result of the anniversary program and the special rotogravure section in the *Boston Herald,* it would appear that the general public has become conscious of Methodism in a new and more positive way.

Helped All Protestantism

In Boston some clergymen other than Methodists have declared that the vespers were a potent "shot in the arm" for all Protestantism, and they rejoiced in the tribute to Bishop Lord, a man they have all learned to love and respect.

One great factor that worked to the advantage of the committee was the wonderful, made-to-order weather. In a spring that has been characterized by chill east winds and plenteous rainfall, Sunday, June 15, came in as a day of brilliant, cloudless skies and a sun that was warm but not too warm.

It was like an answer to many Methodist prayers. Perhaps the breeze that swept the sky so clean of clouds was almost too strong. The 32 denominational banners loaned by the National Council of Churches whipped about unceasingly, straining and tugging at the hands and arms of the Methodist youth that held them.

The ground crew at Boston University Field had hosed down the baseball diamond to lay the dust, but the wind dried the moisture rapidly and, by the time the vespers were under way at 5 P. M., wind was once more kicking up little swirls of dust.

But these were only insignificant details. The sun was so strong that the choir of 900 in their varicolored vestments had all acquired sunburns before the service had been brought to an end by Bishop Lord's benediction.

Stirring Hymns of Charles Wesley

The hymns of Charles Wesley stir the emotions of Methodists as nothing else can do.

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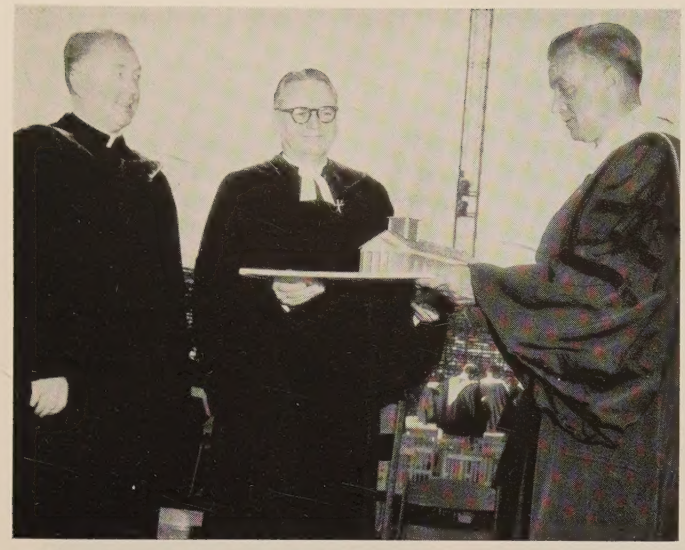
CHARTERED BUS brought many to the service.

CHOIR SINGERS MARCH AT VESPERS SERVICE. Nearly a thousand tongu to sing were in the vested choirs of more than 80 churches as they marched to the seats at Boston University Field.

REHEARSAL — Some of the men singers in the choir did not bother to put on their vestments until after the 3 P. M. rehearsal which preceded the Vespers service.

ERGYMEN OF THE BOSTON AREA marched two abreast, robes billowing he wind, as they made their way across Boston University Field to the special ion reserved for them in the grandstand.



ARLAND A. DIRLAM, NOTED CHURCH ARCHITECT, PRESENTS TO BISHOP LORD A REPLICA OF THE NEW LEXINGTON CHURCH, complete with the "bishop's spire" which the church now lacks. Left to right: the Rev. John David Erb, pastor of Copley Church, Boston, who acted as master of ceremonies for the Vespers, Bishop Lord and Mr. Dirlam.

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"O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing," "Soldiers of Christ Arise," and that supreme hymn of Protestantism, "Jesus, Lover of My Soul," brought tears of joy to many eyes.

The invocation was voiced, appropriately enough, by President Harold C. Case of Boston University. Dr. Case proved to be a tower of strength in making the field available for his fellow Methodists on this auspicious occasion.

Perhaps one of the most striking parts of the program was the address by Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, president of the Council of Bishops and one of the great figures of Methodism.

Into his 20-minute address he packed words of leadership and significance.

He said in part: "I count it a high honor, as president of the Council of Bishops of The Methodist Church, to bring tribute and to voice gratitude to one of our most talented and dedicated leaders, Bishop John Wesley Lord.

"A leader is never a movement, but a leader may determine whether an army, an institution, a nation or a church marches or marks time. Bishop Lord causes men to march. Spiritual leaders, like military commanders, know there are three factors essential to advance: objective, mass, impulsion. Every move must have an objective and every objective of every unit must be in harmony with the Supreme Command.

"Mass signifies all that the leader commands in men, material and morale. Impulsion is the key word. It means the multiplication of mass by concentrating it upon a particular section of the line so that, even when outnumbered, the leader has more men at the point of attack than the enemy.

Anniversary

"Bishop Lord's leadership has been characterized by reverence, relevance, and radiance. He knows that the Eternal who keeps the stars in their courses also notes the sparrow's fall; he believes that God's love is not an impersonal love for mankind in general but a personal love for each of us in particular.

"Reverent, Relevant and Radiant"

"He is aware of 'the grandeur of reason incarnate' but, as he contemplates the Universe, beholds the glory of love infinite. He is reverent, and under his leadership worship takes on greater significance and new beauty.

"Under him, the faith has been related to life and issues of world law and order; economic justice and racial brotherhood have become matters of vital religious concern. His actions as well as his preaching have been relevant. His personality as well as his proposals have been full of light. Methodism too has become reverent, relevant and radiant.

"Bishop Lord has contributed significantly to the ecumenical movement. He has espoused an evangelism that is at once educational and effective. His speech is the frank utterance of the courageous man. In his report to the last jurisdictional conference he said: 'We are not willing to see the public school impoverished or to accept a close and cordial relation between Church and State.'

"Braving the accusation of bigotry that the Roman Catholic hierarchy always levels against any man who protests the bigotry of the hierarchy, Bishop Lord said: 'It had been well-nigh impossible for an adherent of the Protestant faith to be appointed to any public office, and the close alliance of the Roman Catholic hierarchy with political decisions on Beacon Hill had become notorious.'

"Bishop Lord concluded: 'After being close to the scene for eight years, I believe that the only answer to a virile, spreading and militant Roman Catholicism in New England is a virile, spreading and militant Protestantism. History is being made in that direction, and I am of the opinion that God has something to do with it.'

"This great Convocation is testimony to the leadership of Bishop Lord, and token of a new day in New England Methodism. Totalitarianism is a threat to freedom whether it be political, economic or ecclesiastical. Methodism is a democratic movement pledged to freedom, dedicated to the free mind in the free society. Its flexibility, fervor and faith, its superlative organization, its well-trained clergy and free pulpits, its splendid laity, under the leadership of a humble but powerful bishop, will, I predict, in co-operation with fellow Christians, make unprecedented contribution to New England in the decades ahead."

No mention of the anniversary vespers would be complete without reference to the leadership of the Rev. John

David Erb, pastor of Copley Church, Boston, and general chairman of the executive committee.

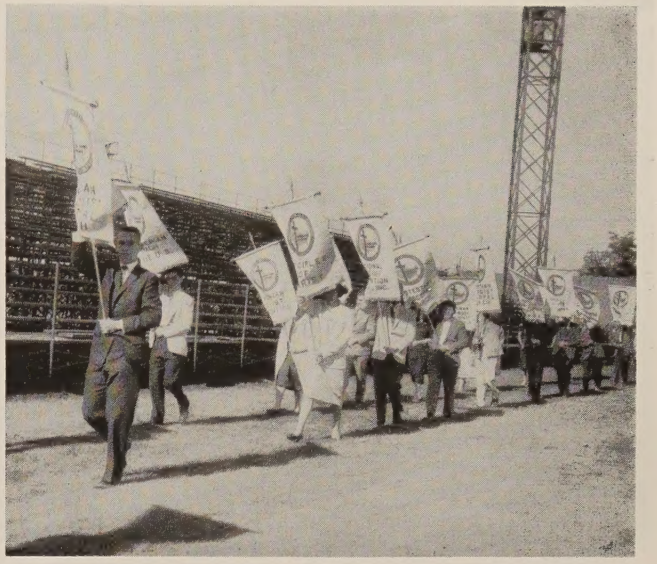
For several months he has taken generous amounts of time out of a tight schedule to organize, direct and handle the manifold details which the task entailed.

Under the direction of Warner C. Danforth, Irving M. Barrows, and John W. Colpitts, the army of ushers functioned like a well-drilled team. Many visitors expressed the opinion that the whole affair must have been rehearsed in advance, yet in fact it was completely unrehearsed. Vern Edmunds of Boston University, the chief marshal, handled the procession with admirable efficiency.

Dr. James R. Houghton, professor of music at Boston University, did a miraculous job of directing the massed choirs. Except for the briefest kind of rehearsal preceding the vesper service, the choirs were singing together for the first time.

The Right Rev. William Appleton Lawrence, retired bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Western Massachusetts, marched in the procession with 350 Methodist ministers. He was accompanied by the Rev. Howard P. Kellett, vicar of Old North Church, who acted as his deacon.

Invited guests included: Arvid L. Anderson—Brockton Area Council of Churches; Lloyd Anderson—Greater Worcester Area Council of Churches; Richard G. Belcher—Joint Section of Education and Cultivation, Board of Missions, The Methodist Church; Ralph W. Child—Weston Council of Churches; James V. Claypool—Commission on Chaplains, The Methodist Church (Trinity Methodist Church, New Bedford); Ben B. Conley—New England Methodist Student Movement; Frank A. Day—Massachusetts Bible Society; Mrs. G. Albin Dahlquist—Woman's Division of Christian Service, The Methodist Church; Caesar L. Donnaruma — Disabled American Veterans; Miss Emogene Dunlap—Board of Temperance, The Methodist Church; John A. Dunn—Vice-President in Charge of Planning and Development, Boston University; Elmer E. Erickson—Watertown Council of Churches; Marie Farrell—Dean of School of Nursing, Boston University; Gayle W. Forbush — Arlington Council of Churches; Charles M. Gillette—Holyoke Council of Churches; Dana McLean Greeley—American Unitarian Association; Sam Hedrick—Representing Bishop Dana Dawson, The Kansas Area, The Methodist Church (B. U. School of Theology); Caradine R. Hooton—Board of Temperance, The Methodist Church; Howard P. Kellett—Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts; Gene V. Santeusanio—Greater Lynn Council of Churches; Richard H. Lee—Newton Council of Churches; George R. Makechnie—Dean of Sargent College of Physical Education, Boston University; Phillip Mitchell—Western Hampden Council of Churches; Walter G. Muelder—Dean, School of Theology, Boston University; James L. O'Dell—Barre Council of Churches; William A. Overholt—Protestant Chaplain, Boston University; Atlee L. Percy—Dean Emeritus, Boston University; Mrs. J. Waskom Pickett, Dr. and Mrs. John Sagan—Representing Bishop J. Waskom Pickett; Edmund Polubinski—Greater Lowell Council of Churches; Olivia Pearl Stokes—Massachusetts Council of Churches; Alfred W. Stone—Somerville Council of Churches; Bruce Tallman—Assistant to the Dean of Men, Boston University; J. Wendell Yeo—Vice-President in Charge of Academic Affairs, Boston University; W. Appleton Lawrence—Retired Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts.



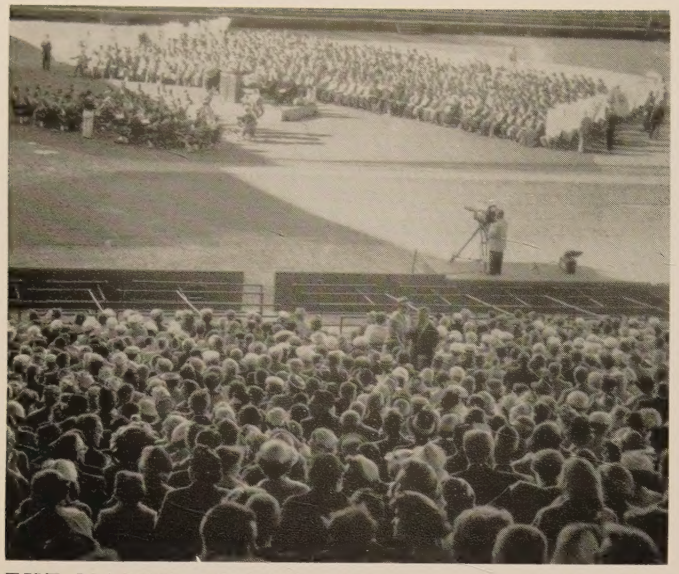
METHODIST YOUTH CARRY DENOMINATIONAL BANNERS of the National Council of Churches of Christ in the procession. There were 32 banners in all, each one representing a separate branch of the church.

About 900 choir singers participated from more than 80 churches. These were from: East Natick Community Church; Wellington Methodist Church, Medford; Centre Methodist Church, Malden; South Street Methodist Church, Lynn; Wesley Methodist Church, Amherst; Fiske Memorial Church, Natick; Greenwood Memorial Methodist Church, Dorchester; Copley Methodist Church, Boston; Epworth Methodist Church, Worcester; St. Mark's Methodist Church, Brookline; West Fitchburg Methodist Church; Community Methodist Church, Cochituate; and Wesley Church, Framingham.

Quinsigamond Methodist Church, Worcester; College Ave. Methodist Church, Somerville; First Methodist Church, Melrose; Suncook Methodist Church, Suncook, N. H.; Whitinsville Methodist Church; Broadway Methodist Church, Lynn; Boston Street Methodist Church, Lynn; Emmanuel Methodist Church, Edgewood; Centralville Methodist Church, Lowell; First Methodist Church, Manchester, N. H.; Park Avenue Methodist Church, Worcester; Lexington Methodist Church; Bow Mills Methodist Church, Suncook, N. H.; Porter Methodist Church, East Weymouth; Stanton Avenue Methodist Church, Dorchester.

Faulkner Methodist Church, Malden; First Methodist Church, Portsmouth, N. H.; Parkway Methodist Church, Milton; Sanford Methodist Church, Sanford, Me.; East Templeton Methodist Church, East Templeton; First Methodist Church, Lynn; First Methodist Church, Wakefield; Parkman Street Methodist Church, Dorchester; Moultonville Methodist Church, Center Ossipee, N. H.; North Methodist Church, Manchester, Conn.; Central Methodist Church, Lawrence; First Methodist Church, Holyoke.

Lafayette Street Methodist Church, Salem; West Roxbury Methodist Church, West Roxbury; Robinson Memorial Methodist Church, Malden; Union Methodist



THE MASSED CHOIRS FORM THE BACKGROUND FOR THE ALEPPO TEMPLE SHRINE BAND while the TV cameras grind out footage for the video recording presented on ten New England channels on June 22.

Church, Fall River; St. John's Methodist Church, Medford; Ipswich Methodist Church, Ipswich; Woburn Methodist Church, Woburn; Trowbridge Memorial Methodist Church, Worcester; First Methodist Church, Hudson; Belmont Methodist Church, Belmont; Arlington Street Methodist Church, Arlington, N. H.

St. John's Methodist Church, Dover, N. H.; First Methodist Church, Claremont, N. H.; Trinity Methodist Church, Lynn; Hampden Highlands Methodist Church, Hampden Highlands, Me.; Newtonville Methodist Church, Newtonville; Wesley Methodist Church, Concord, N. H.; Cherry Valley Methodist Church, Leicester; Glendale Methodist Church, Everett; Grace Methodist Church, Cambridge; St. Luke's Methodist Church, Derry, N. H.; Trinity Methodist Church, Quincy.

Newton Centre Methodist Church, Newton Centre; Christ Church, Wellesley; Thompsonville Methodist Church, Thompsonville, Conn.; Oakdale Methodist Church, Oakdale; Morgan Memorial Church of All Nations, Boston; Haven Methodist Church, Riverside, R. I.; Highland Union Methodist Church, Lowell; Embury Methodist Church, Central Falls, R. I.; Middletown Methodist Church, Newport, R. I.; New London Methodist Church, New London, Conn.

First Methodist Church of Newton, Newton Upper Falls; Westbrook Methodist Church, Westbrook, Me.; Helen L. Lawrence Memorial Methodist Church, East Pepperell; Vine Street Methodist Church, Lawrence; Oaklands Methodist Church, Lawrence; First Methodist Church, Dorchester; Hatherly Methodist Church, Rockland; First Methodist Church, Everett; Ogunquit Methodist Church, Ogunquit, Me.

Among the Methodist ministers in the processional were: H. Osgood Bennett—Manchester, Conn.: North; David Carter—Newport, R. I.: St. Paul's; Forrest G. Clark—Gloucester, Mass.: Riverdale; Mrs. Jeanette McGlinchey — Windsorville, Conn.; DeWitt C. Clemens — Providence, R. I.: Mathewson St.; Ray I. Martin—Central Falls, R. I., and Hebronville, Mass.; Ronald G. Whitney—Warwick, R. I.: Hillsgrove; Shibly D. Malouf—Woonsocket, R. I.; Matt Mees—East Hartford, Conn.: Wesley Memorial; Richard G. Colby—Brockton, Mass.: Central; J. Arthur Dahlstrand—Pawtucket, R. I.: Epworth; Simon P. Montgomery—Rockville, Conn.; Ivan L. Nickerson—Springfield, Mass.: Liberty; Edgar J. Helms —Wellesley, Mass.: Christ; Frank E. Harvey—Lowell, Mass.: Centralville; Duane R. Tritle—Ware, Mass.; Ralph A. Rosenblad—Ballard Vale, Mass.; Paul D. Woodbury, Jr.—Lowell, Mass.: Highland Union; Riley Shirley—Westboro, Mass.; Leroy A. Lyon—Dorchester, Mass.: Stanton Ave.; Roland W. Junkins—West Roxbury, Mass.: St. Stephen's; Ralph T. Mirse—Oakdale, Mass.; Donald A. Williams—North Andover, Mass.; John A. Sabean—Rockland, Mass.; Jesse H. Warwick—Worcester, Mass.: Quinsigamond; George H. Parker, Jr.—Mansfield, Mass.; George W. Webb—Marlborough, Mass.; Edwin S. Dahl—East Douglas, Mass.; Lemuel K. Lord—Melrose, Mass.: First; Donald E. Jones—Saxonville, Mass.: First; L. W. Stringfellow—Littleton, N. H.; Auburn J. Carr—Ipswich, Mass.; Louis S. Staples—South Portland, Me.: Elm St., Cape Elizabeth; S. Blake Ellis—Brunswick, Me.; Milton L. Smith—Hampden, Me.: East Dixmont; Harold R. Yates—Rumford, Me.; Thomas R. Merrill—Casco Bay Parish, Me.: Chebeague Is.; Vernon French—Franklin, N. H.; Norman T. Allers—Hampton, N. H.; Faith A. Chandler—Canaan, N. H.: Canaan and Canaan St.; Ernest R. Drake—Nashua, N. H.: Arlington St.; Guy Allen —West Lynn, Mass.: Boston St.; Stephen H. Smith—Cotuit, Mass.; F. Oliver Drake—Lynn, Mass.: Broadway; Gilbert Y. Taverner—Brookline, Mass.: St. Mark's; Willard C. Arnold — District Supt., Lynn (Mass.) Dist.; Wayne S. Moody—Beverly, Mass.; Robert Hannum—Medford, Mass.: Wellington-Community; Edison M. Amos—Malden, Mass.: Maplewood; P. Dale Neufer—Somerville, Mass.: College Ave. (Assoc.); Francis J. Mazzeo—Lynn, Mass.: Lake Shore Park; Edson G. Waterhouse—Watertown, Mass.: St. John's; T. Landon Lindsay—Lexington, Mass.; Franklin P. Frye—Everett, Mass.: Glendale; Robert Matthews—Medford, Mass.: Hillside; Harry P. Folger—Winthrop, Mass.; Elmo F. Young—Newton, Mass.: Newton Centre; Ralph H. Manwiller—Lynn, Mass.: First; Charles T. Allen—Salem, Mass.: Wesley; Paul N. Whitteberry — East Natick, Mass.: United; Tex S. Sample—Haverhill, Mass.: People's; Otto Scott Steele—Woburn, Mass.; John Snook, Jr. —Reading, Mass.: Old South; Raymond E. Spears—West Roxbury, Mass.; Joseph A. Stevenson—Chelsea, Mass.: Mt. Bellingham; Lawrence S. Staples—Everett, Mass.: First; J. S. Tyler—Winchendon, Mass.: First; John W. Neff—Methodist Chaplain, Boston University; M. Elizabeth Bee—Lynn, Mass.: South St.; Louis W. Bloede—Saugus, Mass.: E. Saugus and Saugus Center; Ernest R. Case—Waltham, Mass.: Immanuel; Donald E. Paige—Danvers, Mass.; Lawrence O'Brien — West Fitchburg, Mass.; Maurice H. Porter—Groveton, N. H.: Groveton, Stratford, Stark; C. Clifford Sargent—Norwich, Conn.: Lee Memorial; Donald Hickman—S. Tewksbury, Mass.; Wesley W. Stinson—E. Greenwich, R. I.; Thowas S. McKeown—Fairview, Mass.: Faith; William J. Ogle—Natick, Mass.; Robert C. Sneed—Dover, N. H.: St. John's; Joseph H. Crocker—Allston, Mass.; James V. Claypool—

SEEN FROM THE PRESS BOX AT BOSTON UNIVERSITY FIELD. This shot shows the choir singing "O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing," led by Dr. James R. Houghton of Boston University. In the brilliant sunshine every detail of the impressive scene is visible.

New Bedford, Mass.: Trinity; Wallen L. Bean—Orleans, Mass.; John H. Kendrick—Newburyport, Mass.: People's; Harvey K. Mousley—Dist. Supt.: Norwich (Conn.) Dist.; Curtis W. Smith—Lancaster, N. H.; Raymond N. Fedje—Amherst, Mass.: Wesley; George F. Emery, Jr.—Middleboro, Mass.; C. Malcolm Keir—Fitchburg, Mass.; Wesley H. Allen—W. Falmouth, Mass.; Otis B. Fischer—Boston, Mass.: First; Warren M. Roberts—Warren, R. I.; Robert A. Moore—No. Rehoboth, Mass.; Morrill O. Martin—E. Providence, R. I.; Stephen J. Callender—Putnam, Conn.; Alfred G. Hempstead — Dist. Supt.: Augusta (Me.) Dist.; Norman E. Crewson—Worcester, Mass.: Trowbridge Memorial; Berkley Hathorne — Medford, Mass.: First; Wayne G. Austin—Shrewsbury, Mass.: Fairlawn; William L. Osborn—North Grafton, Mass.; Evan R. Johnson — Thompsonville, Conn.; Thomas R. Burns—Providence (R. I.) Dist. Supt.; Norman C. Young—Calais, Me.; William J. Davis—Colebrook, N. H.; Richard Arnold—Bath, Me.; Lawrence D. Porter—Dist. Supt.: Portland (Me.) Dist.; O. W. Lorimer Sargeant—Chicopee, Mass.: Federated; Harold D. Smock—S. Hadley Falls, Mass.; Daniel A. Thurston—Holyoke, Mass.; Robert J. L. Williams—Stoneham, Mass.; Paul A. Stauffer—Concord, N. H.; Alfred H. Ives—Gardiner, Me.; James R. Duncan—Wollaston, Mass.; Harold H. Cramer—Needham Hts., Mass.: Carter Memorial; James R. Uhlinger—Worcester, Mass.: Wesley; William S. Holliday—Lawrence, Mass.: Central; Clarence F. Avey—Dist. Supt.: Springfield, Mass., Dist.; D. Joseph Imler—Belmont, Mass.; John H. Jordan—Sanford, Me.; Samuel S. Cole—West Springfield, Mass.: First; Robert K. Jones, Jr.—Maynard, Mass.; Victor P. Musk—Augusta, Me.; Roger A. Barnett — Easthampton, Mass.; Jan Selby — West Brookfield, Mass.; Irving W. Arnold—West Brookfield, Mass.; Robert W. Huston—Malden, Mass.: Centre; William T. Wallace—Claremont, N. H.; Donald H. Freeman—Athol, Mass.; Frank Kaiser—E. Pepperell, Mass.; Alan H. Moore—Weston, Mass.; Owen W. Kerr—Brighton, Mass.: Oak Sq.; John T. Ball—Dorchester, Mass.: Parkman St.; Quentin L. Hand—Suncook, N. H.; William H. Likins—Worcester, Mass.: Covenant; William H. Duvall—Quincy, Mass.: Atlantic; Glenn Glazier—Cambridge, Mass.: Grace; Percy M. Hickcox — Lynn, Mass.; St. Paul's; Henry Beukelman—Newton, Mass.: Newton Upper Falls; Delphas Barnett—Whitinsville, Mass.; John A. Lacey—Gardner, Mass.; Prescott Grout—Springfield, Mass.: Asbury First; Jonathan W. King—Lebanon, N. H.; John K. Montgomery—Northampton, Mass.; Egbert McLeod—Boston, Mass.: Union; Leslie Johnson—Springfield, Mass.: Wesley; H. Hughes Wagner—Springfield, Mass.: Trinity; James F. Quimby — Bethlehem, N. H.; Joseph R. Newton—Ashburnham, Mass.: Community; Chauncey Wentworth—Eliot, Me.; Frank Gulinello—E. Weymouth, Mass.; Ira J. Roberts—Dist. Supt.: Worcester (Mass.) Dist.; James W. Knorr—Whitman, Mass.; Hamilton Gifford—Newton, Mass.: Newtonville; J. Tremayne Copplestone—Lynn, Mass.: Maple St.; William O. Grunden—E. Glastonbury, Conn.; George A. Hill, Jr.—New Bedford, Mass.: St. Paul's; and Albert S. Anderson—Southbridge, Mass. *End*

He Holds Record for Conference

He doesn't look that old but he holds the New England Conference record for years of service in the ministry.

This story refers to that personable 72-year-old youngster, the Rev. Henry I. Bailey of Brimfield, who retired last May after 52 and a quarter years as a Methodist minister.

Dr. Maurice L. Bullock, executive secretary of the Preachers' Aid Society, who is somewhat of an expert on statistics, believes that Mr. Bailey's record may stand even in wide rareas than in the New England Conference. Of course there is always a chance that somewhere in the country there may be someone who has served even longer.

Mr. Bailey, who looks like a man a dozen years younger than his age, plans to continue his ministry, at least in some form.

He points out that Father Time has a way of dealing in kindly fashion with the Bailey family. His father, the late Rev. Charles William Bailey, was 103 when he died in 1951.

His mother was over 80 when she passed on in 1945. She was a former school teacher and she gave him a good start in his school work. She had taught him his letters when he was only three.

THE REV. HENRY I. BAILEY of Brimfield who retired after more than 52 years in the Methodist ministry.

Four Tuitions for Price of One

Henry entered school at the age of four and with the help of a couple of double promotions along the way was able to win his high school diploma at the age of 14, when most youngsters are entering secondary school.

The question arose ultimately of sending Henry, his two brothers and his sister to college. In Baldwin, Kans., going to college meant only one place—Baker University, founded by ancestors of Mrs. Harold C. Case, wife of the president of Boston University.

The Bailey family had money problems, like the families of most ministers. Henry's older brother, Fred, later to become a Methodist clergyman, had to teach school for four years to raise money for his education.

Dr. Lemuel Herbert Murlin, president of Baker University between the years 1894 and 1911 before becoming president of B. U., arranged for Fred to work his way through Baker by taking a post in the registrar's office under Dr. Osmon G. Markham, later to become book editor of the Methodist Church.

The result of Dr. Murlin's assistance was that all the four Baileys entered Baker the same time. Will Bailey, now editor of the *Kansas City Kansan,* and Henry got through on scholarships. His sister Clara, now Mrs. Axton of Topeka, Kans., was the only one of the four who had to pay tuition. All four Bailey youngsters lived together in a small cottage, an arrangement which saved considerable money.

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All of them were good scholars. Henry graduated third highest in his class. Only fractions of points separated him from first- and second-prize winners.

Wanted to Study Law

During Henry's undergraduate days his original ambition was to become a lawyer. But education in the law required money and Henry had none. He had some of the requisites for success, with more than ordinary ability as a debater and orator.

He once won a gold medal prize for an address on William Lloyd Garrison on the theme "The Need of the Agitator."

He still recalls his opening words—"It was in the City of Boston. A lazy October day was drawing to a close."

When he graduated from Baker he received two degrees, A.B. and P.D.—the latter standing for Doctor of Pedagogy, an extinct award.

Then fate took a hand. After graduation he taught school. Once when his brother Fred was taken ill he was asked to substitute for him at Moran, Kans. His sermon impressed several clergymen who heard him. They urged him to obtain a preacher's license.

Once, when he was assisting Dr. Irvin B. Pelleau at a Baldwin revival service, Dr. Pelleau said to him, "Get into the ministry. That's your vocation."

About this time the Rev. J. D. Smith, the elderly financial secretary for Baker College and later president of Carlton College, said to him, "Henry, sometimes God calls a man through the church before the man is aware that it is God who is calling."

About this time, when he was seriously considering entering the ministry, he heard from his father. He revealed to Henry for the first time that the night Henry was born he had dedicated him to the ministry but that he had refrained from telling him about it until he felt that he was ready to hear it. His father's revelation was the turning point. He decided then and there to enter the ministry.

THE REV. HENRY I. BAILEY (right) OF SOUTHBRIDGE, WHO HAS RETIRED AFTER 52 YEARS IN THE MINISTRY, WITH HIS FATHER, the late Rev. Charles William Bailey, a Methodist minister for 64 years, who lived to be 103. The picture was made when his father was 100.

THEY ALL GRADUATED FROM BAKER UNIVERSITY IN 1905. The three Bailey brothers and sister Clara went through on one tuition. They kept expenses down by keeping house together in one small cottage. Left to right: Will, Henry and Fred Bailey. Sister Clara is seated in front.

That's how it started and, looking back over the more than 50 years in between, he says, "I have never been sorry that I took the step and I am very happy that I did."

He met his wife while he was serving in the town of Buffalo, Kans., shortly after beginning his ministry. After several pastorates in Kansas he decided to go to the School of Theology at Boston University and obtain additional education. In order to enter he had to pass an examination in Greek, a subject he had not touched for eight years. His retentive memory saved him and he passed the examination with a mark of 98.

Attends School of Theology

He came east with his wife and three small children. While he studied at 72 Mount Vernon St., the old site of the School of Theology, they lived at Belchertown, 88 miles away, where he was a weekend pastor.

He returned to his wife and family on Friday nights to carry on his ministerial duties. In December of 1914 he dropped out of school for seven weeks in order to carry on a revival campaign in Belchertown. As a result he was delayed in finishing his thesis and did not obtain his degree until 1917.

In 1915 he moved to Brighton to become minister of the Oak Square Church. His other pastorates have included: Highlands, Lowell, 1916-17; Grace, Cambridge, 1918-20; First Church, Boston, 1921-23; First Church, Waltham, 1924-28; Mount Bellingham, Chelsea, 1929-38; First Church, Fitchburg, 1939-46; Boston Street, Lynn, 1947-51; and from 1952 until his retirement he served at Southbridge.

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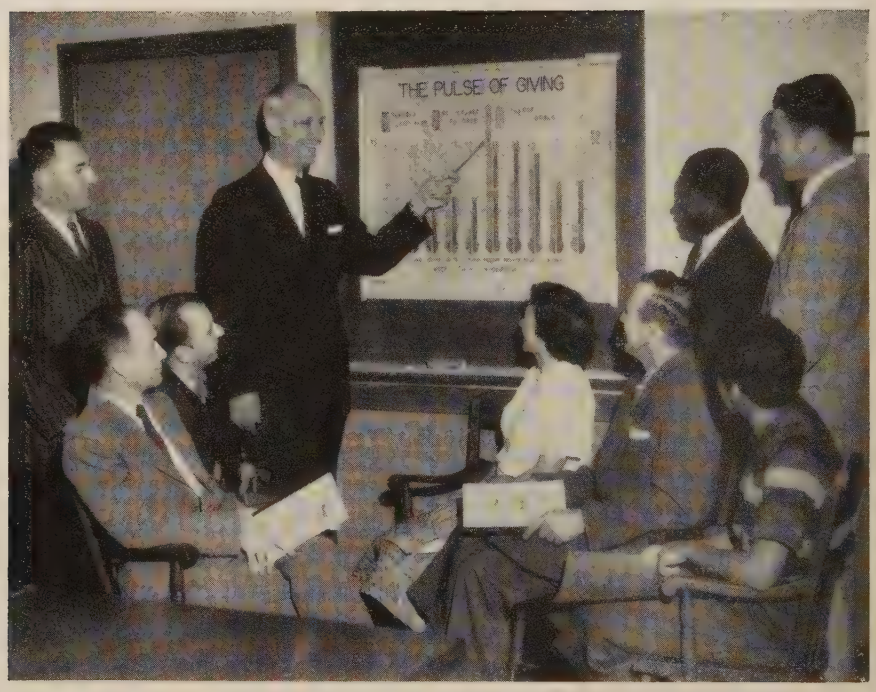
Slide Rule Pastor

A Strategy for Handling Church Problems

by Dr. Herbert E. Stotts



DR. HERBERT E. STOTTS OF BOSTON UNIVERSITY'S SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY, whose student team church surveys in all parts of New England have proven to be of enormous help to harassed pastors.

Most unlikely tools for clergymen to be using! Slide rule, calculating machine, cartographic equipment, lighted drafting tables, federal census volumes, the latest reports from the planning office of the Department of Commerce, punch-cards, adding machines, and the latest in dictating equipment . . . are the tools being used by the busy students of the Department of Sociology and Social Ethics of the School of Theology at Boston University.

On any weekday the visitor is likely to receive the impression that he has walked into the offices of the Department of Planning of the city of Boston. In one corner laboratory are the drafting tables, Key Sort equipment, and the facilities for publishing church survey reports gathered by the department from all over New England.

This laboratory is crowded every weekday with students consulting with Robert Smith, laboratory director and co-ordinator of publications. This spring, two teams of three students each prepared "dummy" booklets to be used as models in which their church problems were analyzed. Some 15 such reports flowed through the lab and were reported back to church building, relocation, program, and pastoral relations committees. They constituted, in all, 25 church studies. Five of them were in Indiana and the remainder in the New England states.

In other offices flanking the laboratory were more drafting tables with students working on a community mapping project under the direction of the Reverend Wayne Artis, pastor of the Methodist Church at Graniteville, Massachusetts. He is field projects director of Church Surveys, the co-ordinating organization for these activities in the Department of Sociology and Social Ethics.

They were mapping a co-ordinated field study of the towns of Hamilton and Wenham on the North Shore. All of the churches of the community had gone together to do intensive self-analyses in order to cope with the expansion of these charming communities. A burgeoning population had

challenged these churches and many others like them to seek help and guidance in relocation and building projects. Church Surveys provides that assistance at cost.

Service to Churches

Working with the students also are Miss Marylu Fowler and Miss Mildred Williams, office secretaries and counsellors to neophyte research people just being introduced to the intricate processes of community analysis. Church Surveys is a non-profit service organization of the School of Theology designed to train graduate students and doctoral candidates in community analysis in order that their churches and the churches of the community they serve may function more effectively. The members of the faculty of Boston University co-operate in this project under the direction of Professor Herbert E. Stotts and render to Methodist churches everywhere a service which provides access and understanding to the latest social science research skills.

Student teams go out from Boston University regularly into communities where churches are in trouble or in need of help. In each case the request is initiated by the local church, planned by the laymen in co-operation with graduate students and members of the Boston University faculty, and executed in this same joint manner. Finally, an analysis is written and published which assists the entire congregation to see clearly the needs of the church.

The people of Byfield, Massachusetts, were discontented with the limping manner in which their church was progressing and called upon this Department to assist them in analyzing their local church situation. The study that followed resulted in a reorganization of the church, the expansion of their program and budget, and the calling of the first resident minister the community had had in many years.

At Marblehead, St. Stephen's Methodist Church was in the process of relocation and desired an analysis to discover whether their plans were adequate. The survey indicated that there was need for a much larger sanctuary than had been planned, that the congregation was to be considerably different in nature and function than had been anticipated, and major changes were made in the construction plans.

Proves Problem Solved

At Haverhill and Bradford, Massachusetts, the two Methodist churches had considered merging and called on the Department for an analysis of the situation. The resultant study indicated that a merger would be a mistake but that the Grace Methodist Church needed to relocate. Plans are underway for this relocation, and a strengthening of both churches has been initiated by their respective planning committees.

At Damariscotta, Maine, the Methodist church for many years had remained closed during the winter months and had a limited number of services during the summer. The congregation had dwindled to the vanishing point. The district superintendent, the Town and Country Commission of the Annual Conference and the Board of Missions co-operated in sponsoring a survey of the towns of Damariscotta and Newcastle, Maine. A team of students from Boston University discovered a much greater potential for the Methodist church than anyone had anticipated. A strengthened program is underway in that church at the present time.

One of the most dramatic studies was that done at Wesley Methodist Church at Worcester, Massachusetts. Here the congregation suspected there was a decline in membership and a falling off of the attendance. The survey revealed that the reported congregational figures were at the present time realistic and that no decline was in evidence but that there were some basic needs for reorganization and realignment within the church itself.

It proved to be a strong church with a growing program and every encouragement was given to the several organizations of the church. The study resulted in a five-year development plan for Wesley Church. It further resulted in their being recognized by the National Council of Churches and the Department of City Work of The Methodist Church as one of the outstanding illustrations of a church studying itself creatively. Wesley was cited at the recent Urban Convocation of The Methodist Church in Washington, D. C., for this creative effort.

Two entire districts have been studied by student teams under the direction of the Department. A study of the Fort Worth District (Texas) resulted in the relocation of four churches, the erection of eleven new ones and the division of the District into two administrative units.

A recent study in the Fort Wayne District of the North Indiana Conference resulted in the realignment of charges, the establishment of five group ministries, and extensive plans for the strengthening of town and country church work in that district. Recently, a second team of students from Boston University went to the Fort Wayne District and conducted studies of the county seat churches within the district. Extensive depth studies were undertaken to help the laymen of these churches in their analysis of building, program, and staff needs for the future.

Research and survey is not new to the Boston University School of Theology. For many years, under the leadership of Dean Walter G. Muelder, individual courses have been taught by members of the staff of the Massachusetts Council of Churches Department of Research and Survey, of the National Council of Churches and of the Board of Missions of The Methodist Church. The close co-operation between The Methodist Church in each annual conference, the School of Theology and the student minister, is made graphic through this type of practical field training. Until 1955, a great deal of the laboratory work was carried on at the offices of the Massachusetts Council of Churches. With the departure, in the same year, of Dr. Glen W. Trimble and Professor C. M. McConnell, a dual need was made evident within the faculty for a realignment of these responsibilities. Since that time, the Department, under the chairmanship of Dean Muelder, has striven to provide facilities for all interested students to obtain the practical experience in church and community analysis which this Department provides.

During the school year 1956-57, 86 students received this training in the laboratory, in the field, and in classroom experiences. During the 1957-58 year, a like number participated in the widespread activities of the Department. Throughout the accepted Supply School, under the chairmanship of Dr. Walter Holcomb, an additional 75 ministers per year have been introduced into the intricacies of the church and community analysis projects sponsored by the Department.

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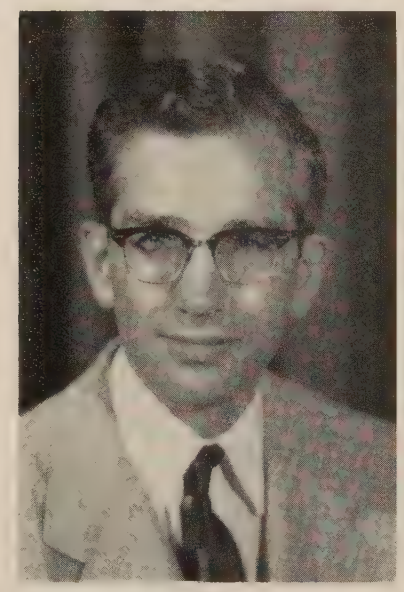
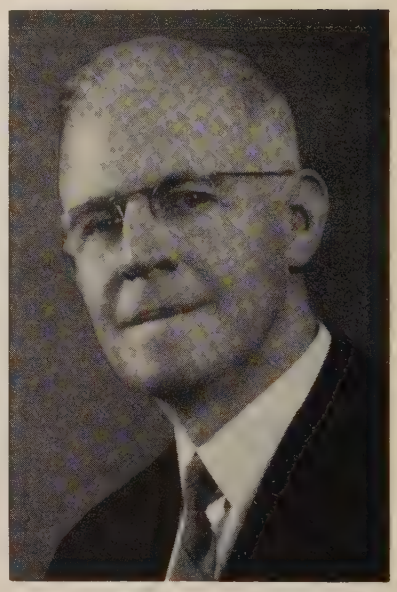
Bell Ringing as a Hobby

Dr. George Heath Gives Timely Advice to Young Ministers



Dr. Robert C. Senior



Dr. George E. Heath

Last month, Dr. George E. Heath, one of the New England Conference's best beloved retired pastors, gave the charge at a service of installation for the Rev. Dr. Robert C. Senior, a boy who had been in his Sunday School class 31 years before, when he was pastor of the College Avenue Church in Somerville.

The unusual part of the installation service was that Dr. Senior became pastor of the church across the street from the one he had attended as a boy and only a few steps away from the house in which he had lived.

More important, perhaps, was Dr. Heath's charge which contained some words of wisdom for young ministers who are coming up along the path which he covered years ago and with so much success.

Dr. Heath's charge follows:

"Robert, this is a rare privilege that is being given an old preacher in having this very intimate part in the Installation Service of one of his spiritual sons. Thirty-one years ago I was privileged to have you and your brother, Harold, in an Instruction Class charging you with the responsibilities of the Christian life and Church membership preparatory to extending to you the right hand of fellowship as a member of the Church of Jesus Christ. I can claim no credit for the excellent way you have fulfilled the trust that was then placed in you, but I can believe, and I do earnestly pray, that in response to the confidence placed in you here and now you will go forward for the achievement of a truly glorious pastorate in this parish to which God has called you.

"The fact that you began your Christian discipleship in a church of another denomination across the avenue only testifies to the oneness and spiritual unity that exists between our two branches of the Christian Army. I do not know an iota's difference of belief or conduct that you are called upon to observe. The only difference that I know of is Church polity, and in that I can assure you that we Methodists are sorry for you Congregationalists that you do not have such an effective and efficient type of government as ours. But you can see that I am smiling as I say it and you can be sure we do not hold it against you.

"The fact that your ministry is now cast in the same community where you spent your boyhood is most intriguing. There was good reason why Jesus said, 'A prophet is not without honor save in his own country,' but that reason does not exist here. With the greater joy you are received here because you have your Christian rootage in this very neighborhood. With you and your brother Harold playing with my sons and only the width of the street between us, I know you can now the better fit into the lives of youngsters around here. I have seen you, Robert, with snowshovel over your shoulder, going up Powder House Terrace looking for chances to hire out in clearing paths from doors to curb. I recommend that you do not do that now in the winters ahead. But I can fancy seeing you get to doors and into homes and hearts regardless of the depths of snow or other obstacles that may exist.

"Neither of us dreams of measuring up to the stature of Paul or Timothy but we are happy to bring down to date the charge that that aged father

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World News

AN INVITATION TO AMERICANS to visit the Protestant Pavilion at the Brussels World Fair is issued by Mrs. Theodore O. Wedel of the Protestant Episcopal Church, Washington, D. C., and Charles C. Parlin, Methodist layman of Englewood, N. J. They are co-chairmen of the U. S. committee which has raised more than $63,000 of its $100,000 goal toward this building fund.

Dr. Douglass Labels Denominationalism "Obsolete"

Labeling denominationalism "obsolete," Dr. Truman B. Douglass declared at the Southern California Congregational Christian Conference that Protestantism is "one of the principle divisive and disruptive forces in our communities."

He told delegates that Protestantism "cannot afford the tragic waste of the competition and rivalry implicit in the present denominational system."

The purpose of the church "is not to perpetuate certain institutional forms," said the executive vice-president of the Congregational Board of Home Missions.

Dr. Douglass heralded the new United Church of Christ, created with the merger of the Congregational Christian Churches with the Evangelical and Reformed Church, as "chief source of shining hope in American Protestantism."

He scored those Congregationalists who have sought to obstruct individual congregations from entering the United Church through a lawsuit pending before federal courts. He said their action showed "idolatry" of the Congregational structure.

In the present "era of accelerating change," Dr. Douglass continued, "the church must take the lead in dealing with obsolesence of institutions instead of bringing up the rear as it so often does."

Australian Evangelist Hails "Vital" American Church Life

An Australian Methodist evangelist, back from a ten-week visit to the U.S., called American church life "vital, evangelical, healthy and dedicated."

Writing in the official Methodist weekly, the Rev. Harold Hawkins said that in comparison with the situation in Australia, religion was "out in the open" in America.

He said that while more than half of all adult Americans attend church regularly only 10 per cent do so in Australia. "I would much rather see the American Sunday with crowded churches and Sunday schools than the godless, churchless Sunday which the vast majority of Australians observe," he said.

While the great majority of white Americans are anxious to find a "peaceful and happy" solution to the race question in the U.S., Australians have the most racially exclusive nation in the world, he said.

"I wonder how many Methodist congregations in Australia would receive a colored minister, as some churches in the Eastern U.S. have done?" he asked.

"I wish with all my heart that we could catch something of the great enthusiasm coupled with a deep sense of stewardship which characterizes the church in the U.S.," Mr. Hawkins concluded.

Churches Urged to Maintain Full Summer Programs

Protestant churches in New York have been urged by the Rev. Dan M. Potter, executive director of the Protestant Council of the City of New York, to maintain full summer programs as a deterrent to juvenile delinquency.

Speaking before some 17,000 persons at a Madison Square Garden rally marking the first anniversary of the opening of the Billy Graham Crusade, Mr. Potter said churches this year should not cut down on activities in July and August.

He said his organization planned to intensify its youth program during the summer months and also had pledged its support to every civic effort designed to combat delinquency.

Mr. Potter added that council staff members planned to meet with Mayor Robert Wagner of New York to help in co-ordinating city-wide youth services.

At The Conferences

New Hampshire

WIVES OF MINISTERS EXCHANGED GIFTS AT THE NEW HAMPSHIRE CONFERENCE AT ROCHESTER, N. H. The Rev. J. Norman Barrett (left), district superintendent, is shown presenting one of the gifts to Mrs. John Wesley Lord. Mrs. Ray H. Cowen (center), wife of the northern district superintendent, beams happily.

WOMEN'S DAY. Left to right: Mrs. Howard Knight of Nashua, acting president of the Women's Society for Christian Service; Mrs. John P. Mabuce of Buffalo, N. Y., jurisdictional president of the WSCS; Mrs. Lester Horton of Manchester, conference secretary for spiritual life and Mrs. Carl H. Thiem of Derry, conference treasurer.

CONFERENCE OFFICIALS: the Rev. William J. Davis, Colebrook, secretary; the Rev. Ray H. Cowen, Andover, northern district superintendent; the Rev. J. Norman Barrett, Manchester, southern district superintendent; and Bishop John Wesley Lord.

Maine

TOWN AND COUNTRY COMMISSION AT THE MAINE METHODIST CONFERENCE IN BANGOR. Seated, left to right: Mrs. John Wesley Lord; the Rev. Gertrude Harris of Greenville Junction, chairman of the Town and Country Commission; and Miss Rosemary Nixon, secretary. Standing, Bishop Lord and the Rev. Robert E. Allten of Lincoln, executive secretary.

METHODIST WOMEN WERE GUESTS AT A TEA AT THE DOW AIR FORCE BASE IN BANGOR. Left to right: Mrs. Chauncey D. Wentworth, Orono, president of the Maine Conference WSCS; Mrs. Louis Beckford, Mrs. Boyd B. White, Mrs. Thomas G. Corbin, Mrs. John Wesley Lord, Mrs. Marvin Piburn, South Africa, and Mrs. Ralph Koelemay.

FOUR MINISTERS WHO SERVED THE MAINE CONFERENCE FOR 164 YEARS RETIRED THIS YEAR. Left to right, they are: the Rev. M. Gerry Plummer of Lisbon Falls, the Rev. Roy S. Graffam of Belfast, the Rev. Nelson E. Canfield of Biddeford, and the Rev. Guy Wilson of Brunswick, with Bishop Lord.

New England Southern

INTERIOR OF NEW JOHN WESLEY CHURCH AT FALMOUTH, where the New England Southern Conference was held.
(Photos courtesy of "Falmouth Enterprise")

DELEGATES REGISTERING FOR THE CONFERENCE. Presiding at the table are Mrs. Haughton E. Sanguinetti, Mrs. Charles Bailey and Mrs. John W. Stimpson.

DELEGATES CHAT in lobby between sessions.

In this picture are: the Rev. J. Kenneth Pearson, retiring district superintendent; the Rev. Campbell B. Carmichael; Bishop Lord; and the Rev. Harvey K. Mousley, superintendent of the Norwich, Conn., district.

CHANGES IN MAINE AND NEW ENGLAND SOUTHERN CONFERENCES

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Methodism

Bishops Say Amendments Passed and in Effect

The Council of Bishops have declared that the three pending constitutional amendments have been passed and are now in full effect. The council reviewed the votes of 127 annual conferences and found that the amendments had received the necessary two-thirds majority of all the votes cast. First of the three amendments sets forth the conditions and procedures for the transfer of churches or annual conferences from the Central Jurisdiction to another jurisdiction in which they are geographically located. The second change doubles the lay representation in annual conferences from local churches which have more than one regularly appointed minister. The third change raises the former upper limitation on the number of delegates to the quadrennial General Conference from 800 to 900. All three amendments were passed by an overwhelming majority—with the ratio in each case being more than ten to one.

BISHOP G. BROMLEY OXNAM (left), of Washington, D. C., new president of the Council of Bishops of The Methodist Church, is handed the gavel by Bishop W. Angie Smith, Oklahoma City, retiring president.

Commission on Ecumenical Consultation

A Commission on Ecumenical Consultation composed of scholars and theologians has been created and named by the Council of Bishops of The Methodist Church.

Bishop F. Gerald Ensley of Des Moines is its chairman, and Dr. Ernest Cadman Colwell of Claremont, California, is vice chairman. Dr. Colwell, a former president of the University of Chicago and more recently dean of faculties of Emory University, is the new president of the Southern California School of Theology.

The commission will constitute a liaison group between The Methodist Church and the larger ecumenical movement. Demand for such a group grew in part out of studies that have been presented to the Council of Bishops and partly from the Oberlin Conference on "The Nature of the Unity We Seek," held in August, 1957.

This new commission is not to be confused with the denomination's Commission on Church Union, which

THE REV. DR. RALPH STOODY (center), general secretary and director of the Commission on Public Relations and Methodist Information, who received the honorary degree of Doctor of Letters June 8 at American University, is congratulated by President Hurst R. Anderson (left) and W. Everett McLaine of Pittsburgh, public relations director of United States Steel Corp., and a trustee of the university. Dr. Stoody is a member of the New England Southern Conference.

is elected by the General Conference. That commission's duties are to consider overtures or proposals for organic union with other denominations, to initiate studies looking toward organic union and to encourage interdenominational co-operation. Bishop Frederick B. Newell of New York is its chairman.

Evangelism, Visitation Ministers Attend Workshop

The Methodist Church now has about 400 workers who are serving as ministers of evangelism and visitation, mostly in large urban churches, and the number is growing rapidly.

This was reported at the first national workshop for ministers of evangelism and visitation sponsored by the Methodist General Board of Evangelism recently in Nashville.

Fifty-three ministers of evangelism and visitation from 24 states attended the seven-day workshop to share techniques and experiences and to receive instruction and inspiration. Included were ordained ministers and lay men and women, all from large churches.

Though all who attended have full-time responsibility for evangelism and visitation, some have different job titles, such as associate pastor or director of evangelism.

In a findings report, the group said that "enlisting the laity in reaching more people in the community for Christ and His church is of paramount importance."

Persons

Paul Elgland has just taken over as administrator of The Methodist Home (for older persons) at Danbury, Conn. He comes to his new position from Cedar Rest, Inc., Stamford, Conn., where he served as vice-president and administrator.

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A Methodist chaplain, **Lt. Col. Roy M. Terry** of Scott Air Force Base, Ill., has been named "Air Force Chaplain of the Year" by the Reserve Officers Association. Chaplain Terry is a member of the New York East Conference.

Charles Ablard, 27-year-old Methodist layman of Enid, Okla., has been appointed to the new post of judicial officer for the U. S. Post Office to help combat "filth and fraud" in the mails, according to Postmaster General Arthur E. Summerfield.

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Karl J. Fink, Methodist layman of Toledo, Ohio, who became sales manager of Goodwill Industries in his city despite his loss of legs and fingers, has been named "National Goodwill Worker of 1958." He was cited at the organization's annual awards dinner in Washington, D. C.

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Bishop Fred P. Corson, Philadelphia, has accepted an invitation from Gov. George M. Leader of Pennsylvania to head a special committee to conduct an investigation of that state's Boards of Pardon and Parole.

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The Rev. Dr. George E. Clary, Sr., of Atlanta, Ga., has been elected executive director of the Georgia Methodist Commission on Christian Higher Education, effective July 1. He has been executive secretary of the Southeastern Jurisdictional Council.

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The Rev. Dr. J. Emerson Ford, Nashville, will retire August 31 as editor of church-school publications for youth, and Miss Rowena Ferguson will succeed him. Dr. Ford has headed the department of youth publications for almost 14 years. Miss Ferguson is currently serving as associate editor.

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Major General Charles I. Carpenter, Chief of Air Force Chaplains since the post was created in 1948, has been named Protestant Cadet Chaplain of the new U. S. Air Force Academy at Colorado Springs, Colo. A member of the Peninsula Conference, Chaplain Carpenter will report to his new post not later than Sept. 1. He will have the rank of colonel.

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Dr. Franklin H. Littell, director of Franz Lieber Haus in Bad Godesberg, Germany, has resigned to return to the U. S. as professor of church history in Candler School of Theology, Emory University, Georgia.

The Rev. Dr. John J. Hicks, minister of Union Memorial Church, St. Louis, has been elected president of the Ministerial Alliance of Greater St. Louis. He is the only Negro officer of the organization made up of more than 600 Protestant pastors.

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The Rev. Dr. Gordon E. Michalson, minister of the First Methodist Church, Westfield, N. J., will join the faculty of Garrett Biblical Institute, Evanston, Ill., this fall as professor of historical theology.

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Dr. Robert G. McCutchan, 80, dean emeritus of the DePauw University school of music and editor of *The Methodist Hymnal*, died May 15 in Claremont, California. He was the author of several hymns and books about hymnody.

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Miss Helen L. Johnson has been elected to the newly-created post of Secretary of Promotion (for the work of the Woman's Division of Christian Service) in the Board of Mission's Joint Section of Education and Cultivation. Miss Johnson, is a native of Kennebunk, Me.

The Rev. Dr. Donald F. Ebright, Kiowa, Kan., a former Methodist missionary to India, has been elected the first president of the new Alaska Methodist University.

Dr. Ebright is to assume his duties September 1, 1958.

Miss Eugenia Grace Helms, Cincinnati, Ohio, has recently been commissioned a deaconess of The Methodist Church. Previously for 25 years she had been associated with Morgan Memorial Institutional Church of All Nations in Boston.

Former Deaconess Has Devoted Life to Church

Martha Bowers Grant Retires After Long Service

by Warren Carberg

A newspaper clipping reached me the other day telling me that Mrs. Martha Bowers Grant had retired as assistant to the minister at Wesley Church in Springfield.

The name brought back memories. I recalled how, as a youthful reporter on the *Worcester Telegram,* I had called at Wesley Church, Worcester, to get a story on the building plans for the new church, a church that for many years now has been a happy reality.

The house of worship was at that time the old Grace Church structure at the corner of Main and Chandler Streets. Its tired, red bricks have long since become integral parts of other buildings.

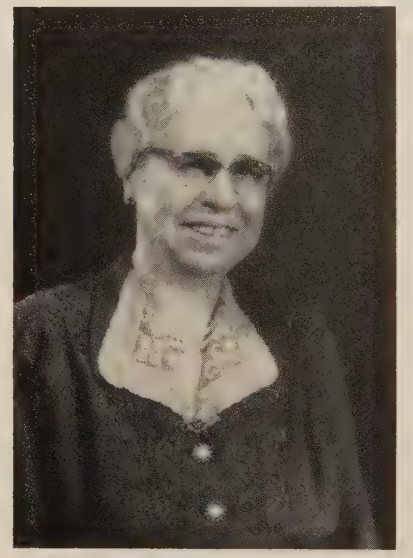
Grace and Trinity Churches had merged to form Wesley Church, now the magnificent edifice near the courthouse. The old office always seemed to me to be a feverishly busy place. It was not very big. Every inch of its small area was filled with typewriters, adding machines, or mimeographing equipment.

She Always Smiled

Always at the center of the activity was Martha Bowers. No matter how long the hours, how great the pressure, or how many demands came in for mailing pieces, her beaming smile never seemed to desert her.

She has always been a prodigous worker and in those days her ability to turn out work seemed to this writer to be nothing short of phenomenal.

She had good preparation for hard tasks during her youth. Born in the Dutch section of New Holland, Penn., her parents were Methodist farmers on a three-church circuit.



Martha Bowers Grant

Whenever the preacher came to town it was to the Bowers' barn that his horse went for feed and shelter. The preacher himself found hospitality and shelter at the Bowers homestead.

Martha learned as a small child to help with church work. One of her great ambitions was achieved early, that of learning to play an old reed organ. Her ability was put to good use at an early age. She became church organist when only 13.

But there were other and less enjoyable tasks. One of these was helping to fill the role of janitor with other members of the family. The Bowers family always had this chore during the "protracted" weekly revival meetings which were continued as long as interest could be maintained.

During the winter months, Martha would stop at the church on her way to school to fill the stoves with coal.

One day while carrying a hod of coal from the cellar to the second floor sanctuary she said to herself, "I wish there was something a woman could do as a full-time church worker like a minister."

Wanted to Be a Deaconess

Then she learned about the deaconesses and wrote to the training school in Washington for a catalogue. Afterward, when her Sunday School teacher inquired whether she had ever considered entering the deaconess organization, she was surprised to learn that Martha herself had taken the initial step.

Following her graduation from high school she obtained a certificate to teach in a township school and was allowed to fill out an unfinished term.

But she was only 17 and found it difficult to maintain discipline. She turned from teaching and took a course in the Pennsylvania Business College. After that, for three or four years, she worked in a coal, lumber and feed office.

The owner was a good Methodist, and he was head of the building committee of a church then being erected. But Martha had not forgotten her original goal, and she wrote again to the National Training School for Missionaries and Deaconesses in Washington, D. C., and made application for admission.

When the request for a recommendation came to her employer he gave her a good one, remarking that he would not consent to her leaving for any other reason.

Her application was approved, and in 1909 she entered the deaconess training school. All students were required to perform some household duties and to earn money through additional work if necessary.

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Her earning work was for the most part the ironing of the very stiff bibs and aprons for the nurses' uniforms, who served the hospital connected with the school.

During the Summer months she returned to her post in the coal, lumber and feed office. After her training had been completed she was consecrated to the deaconess calling by Bishop Earl Cranston. The pay was $10 a month and board.

Her First Speaking Tour

During that period there was a tabernacle evangelistic campaign in progress. She assisted in these during the day and wrote the story for the newspapers the following day. She also assisted in the work of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, and once she went on a speaking tour to the surrounding towns.

At one place there had been an error in the time scheduled for her appearance. But one of the men of the village said, "That's all right; I'll build a fire and you ring the bell and we'll soon have a congregation."

He was right; the crowd was a large one. Since there was little passenger service Martha had to rise early and catch a freight, riding the caboose to her next appointment.

Then a classmate from the training school, who was a deaconess in the church of Dr. William S. Mitchell in Buffalo, N. Y., decided to go to India as a missionary, and recommended Martha Bowers for her post.

In ten days, Dr. Mitchell had sent for her. When he became pastor of Calvary Church in Philadelphia he asked her to come there, too. Later when he came to Worcester to build the new Wesley Church he once more asked to have Martha Bowers follow him. She always obeyed.

In 1936 she became pastor's assistant in Springfield and was married by Dr. George Heath to Warren O. Grant. That brought a request from the Deaconess Board that she apply for an honorable discharge. A deaconess can never marry and remain in the organization.

She has a local preacher's license and on more than one occasion has supplied the pulpit.

Her work for the Methodist Church has been strenuous and faithful, and those privileged to know Martha Bowers Grant are sure that she will never be satisfied unless the church finds tasks for her capable hands to do. *End*

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in the Gospel, Paul, gave to his spiritual son in the ministry, Timothy, to 'Preach the Word.'

Pastoral Calls Important

"There is today an essay-reading custom which goes by the name of preaching and there is what might be called a lecturing type of preaching. I cannot imagine Paul being strong for either. Paul is saying 'I charge you in the Presence of God and of Jesus Christ who is to judge the Living and the Dead.' It was then, and it is now, a matter of life and death. Preach as though every sermon were your last. Preach for a verdict. Put your whole soul, mind, and body into your preaching. Give every sermon you preach the best preparation you can, and give it the best and most dynamic delivery you can. Go along with Paul's injunction to 'convince, and rebuke, and exhort' and know it is not done from the pulpit alone. Take Paul's words seriously about being 'unfailing in patience and teaching'—it is a seven-days-a-week-undertaking.

"Let me compare the work of the Christian ministry to a three-legged stool. One leg is preaching; one leg is pastoral visitation, and one leg is administration. Each is essential. Take away any one of the three and you fall down. It is frequently said that the work of the modern minister is so complex and involved that he does not have time for calling. Some ministers announce to their people that they will be able to call only on the sick and particularly those in hospitals.

"Thereby they greatly undercut their effectiveness. My counsel is to make short, purposeful calls of ten to fifteen minutes, bringing cheer and optimism, faith and courage, into every home and ending each call with a brief uplifting prayer. Let each home know that a man of God has been there and has left it on a higher note of good cheer. It is said that every minister should have a hobby. May I suggest you make your hobby doorbell ringing. It will pay big dividends to your church and it will be greatly enriching in your life. A fast round of short afternoon and evening calls will be a wonderful offset to a morning of intensive study or administrative planning. Church office counselling is good, but never let it be a substitute for seeing people in their homes.

"Know all your people by name, know them as far as possible by their first names. Make them all feel important, even the lowliest. Discover ways for their fitting into the church life and activity. Cultivate the art of appreciation—it will bind people to you and increase your effectiveness. You can be the busiest and the happiest man in town. Love those who oppose you and win them as friends. The spirit of goodwill that you radiate will become the spirit of your church. Keep your devotional life strong. You are in partnership with Christ. Be constantly aware of the presence of His Holy Spirit within you. You are in the greatest work in the world—building the Kingdom of God in the hearts and lives of your people.

"Robert, I congratulate you on being the Ambassador of the King of kings and the Lord of lords; and I also congratulate you on being the daily representative of the Wayfaring Saviour of whom it is written, 'He went about doing good.' So may it be with you!" *End*

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Dr. Hagen Returns to B. U. for Honorary Degree

Dr. John Peter Hagen, director of the Vanguard satellite program for the Navy, talks in terms of lunar exploration and interplanetary travel, but on Sundays he worships at the Clarendon Methodist Church in Arlington, Va

A dedicated scientist, Dr. Hagen continues to live the simple life. He smokes a crusted briar pipe. He carries to work with him the same battered old tin lunch box that he has owned for 23 years.

Recently he returned to Boston University, his Alma Mater, to receive an honorary degree from President Harold C. Case and a special citation from the alumni association.

For Liberal Arts Training

It has been a long time since he had visited the College of Liberal Arts where he had received his A.B. degree in 1929. The old school was located in his day at 688 Boylston St. It has now moved to the Charles River campus on Commonwealth Ave. But his homecoming was no less real because of this.

He interrupted his period of reunion to participate in a press conference and pose for television shots. A man of science, he surprised reporters by coming out in favor of the liberal arts program even for science majors.

The fact that one of our best scientific minds leans heavily on the side of a liberal arts background will provide some material for discussion during the months ahead at B. U. and other institutions of higher learning.

Dr. Hagen is planning to send both of his boys to a liberal arts school, although he isn't sure which college he will select. He has two sons, Peter, 16, and Chris, 13. Peter is interested in science, naturally enough, and a member of the high school rocket club.

But Dr. Hagen continues to think that English is an important basic subject as a means of communication and as training for reasoning and thinking.

"Everyone should be able to write a sentence and know how to paragraph," he believes. He feels even that such classical subjects such as Latin should be included, that foreign languages are important, and that Russian should be part of every curriculum.

"In Russia, English has been taught since 1940. If our scholars are to read the Russian scientific journals we should have a knowledge of this language. We should put Russian in the same category with French and German and make it mandatory. It is imperative if we are to understand them and if we are to live peaceably with them. If we wish to understand them we cannot depend on translators and interpreters."

DR. JOHN P. HAGEN HOLDS PRESS CONFERENCE BOSTON UNIVERSITY. Director of the Navy's project guard, Dr. Hagen is shown above during a press confe shortly before he received one of six alumni citations award outstanding Boston University alumni on June 7. Dr. Hage graduate of Boston University's College of Liberal Arts —Boston University Photo Serv

Of course mathematics and basic science should continue to be the backbone of any program, he thinks.

Dr. Hagen views Russia with a clear and scientific mind, free from prejudice. He feels that the belief of many people that German engineers are responsible for the advance in the Russian satellite program has been overplayed.

"The people in the missile business in Russia are Russians," he stated. "They are not dependent on German scientists for help."

He feels that the time it requires for this country to land a manned rocket on the moon depends on how urgent the American taxpayer regards such a venture.

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The more money, the sooner it can be done. If scientists are given unlimited funds the goal can be achieved in ten years. As for himself, Dr. Hagen would not want to have to complete such a task in that space of time because he does not believe ten years is sufficient.

Before a rocket is sent to the moon, Dr. Hagen feels that we should have a good knowledge of the conditions that exist in space. For instance, what of the intensity of cosmic rays and their effect on the human body? A man might receive in a few hours an amount normally received in a week's time. Such a dosage might not cause immediate death but would possibly produce long-time lingering effects that might be fatal.

If a rocket is punctured by a meteorite the result might be fatal to a passenger, inasmuch as it would destroy the protective vacuum. These questions and others like them must be answered before man can travel through space with even a minimum of safety.

From a military viewpoint there is no concern about such a prior space exploration on the part of Russia. But from a purely scientific viewpoint, a landing on the moon is valuable in expanding any knowledge that we have, Dr. Hagen points out.

Considerable work is now being done on propulsion fuels. Dr. Hagen believes that someone, perhaps now unknown, will come up with an idea that will break through some of the difficulties that presently exist.

Present at the Boston University ceremonies were the mother and father of Dr. Hagen, Mr. and Mrs. John Hagen of 14 Merlin St., Dorchester, and his sisters and brothers.

The family still attends the Greenwood Methodist Church in Dorchester where Dr. Hagen worshipped as a youth and where he first met his wife, the former Edith Soderling.

Before the present International Geophysical Year has slipped into history, Dr. Hagen believes that more satellites will be launched. Because of the adverse effect on the men engaged, Dr. Hagen does not like to pinpoint the date of such launchings. *End*

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There have been several high points in his career. One was the revival at Grace Church, Cambridge, which brought in 100 new members. Another was the organization of a men's Bible class in Chelsea, still called the Bailey Class.

When the Southbridge Ministerial Association tendered him a recognition service following his retirement last spring, representatives of the Bailey Class journeyed from Chelsea in order to attend and present him with a gift.

He also organized a men's class during his years in Lowell. He has conducted revival services in many places.

In 1952 came the great tragedy of his life. His faithful helpmeet and the mother of their five children died suddenly. It was a heavy blow, but during these past six years he has carried on his work steadfastly.

Then last April he married a widow, Mrs. Lottie Gilman, a member of his congregation and a close friend of his wife.

He has been a prominent figure in New England conference circles. For ten years he served as chairman of the Bureau of Conference Sessions, resigning from that post in 1940. He was elected president of the Conference Commission on World Service and Finance, a post that he held for 12 years. During that period he never had a decision reversed by the conference.

He has been blessed with good health. Only once has he suffered a serious illness. That was in 1932 when he was stricken with rheumatic fever which sidelined him for 11 weeks.

One Sunday he came down with pneumonia but his recovery was so rapid that he was able to take his regular turn in the pulpit the following Sunday. Today his health is excellent, and at 72 he could easily pass for a much younger man. *End*

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BISHOP LORD'S CALENDAR

Friday, July 18, 11.15 A. M.—Communion service closing the biennial meeting of the National Fellowship of Methodist Musicians at Boston University, July 13-18.

Sunday, July 20, 11 A. M.—Union service of First, Second, and Arlington Street Unitarian Churches, Boston, at the Arlington Street Church.

Sunday, July 27, 2.30 P. M.—100th Anniversary service of the Empire Grove Camp Meeting, East Poland, Me.

Sunday, August 17, 3 P. M.—Opening of the Hedding Camp Meeting, Epping, N. H.

Monday, August 25-29—Boston Area Pastors' Assembly, Geneva Point Camp, Lake Winnipesaukee, N. H. Bishop Lord conducts the morning devotions, Tuesday through Friday.

Sunday, September 7, New England Southern Conference Laymen's Assembly, Camp Aldersgate, North Scituate, R. I.

Yankee Methodist Family

OUTSTANDING METHODIST AWARD—Bishop J. Wascom Pickett (left), recently returned from 12 years' service in India, presents the Atlantic Methodist Church, North Quincy, "Outstanding Methodist Layman Award" to Northeastern University President, Dr. Carl S. Ell (right). Chairman of the testimonial dinner program, George H. Whittum, Wollaston (center), President of the Board of Trustees of the Church, presided.

President Carl S. Ell of Northeastern University was named an "outstanding Methodist" at a bi-annual testimonial banquet at the Atlantic Methodist Church, North Quincy, on May 7.

He was presented with a gold medal and a citation in recognition of his service to Northeastern University, to his community and his church.

The citation stated: "While directing the tremendous work of developing the educational facilities of Northeastern University, Dr. Carl Stephens Ell has constantly and effectively emphasized moral and spiritual values, encouraging the growth of fine character in young men and women thus improving the communities in which they live. In recognition of the long years of service of this moral and spiritual nature, the Atlantic Methodist Church makes this award to an outstanding Methodist."

Bishop J. Wascom Pickett, a Methodist missionary with 12 years' service in India, made the presentation.

Dr. Ell, delivered the main address on the subject "No Brief Candle." He was introduced by Dr. J. Wendell Yeo, executive Vice President of Boston University. Dr. Hamilton M. Gifford, pastor of the Newtonville Methodist Church, Dr. Ell's home church, made testimonial remarks recognizing Dr. Ell's achievements.

Among those who have received the award in the past are President Harold C. Case, Boston University, and admiral-explorer Donald B. MacMillan.

George H. Whittum, 32 Cummings Avenue, Wollaston, President of the Board of Trustees of the host church, presided. The Rev. William H. Duvall, pastor of the Atlantic Methodist church, gave the invocation and welcoming remarks.

Dr. Ell will retire next June. Succeeding him will be Dr. Asa Knowles, president of the University of Toledo.

The Higher Call

THE REV. FRED MAHLON ESTES, 93, oldest retired Methodist minister in the New England Conference, died on May 25 at his home, 34 Glendale Ave., Melrose, Mass., where he has lived for 11 years with a daughter, Mrs. Lillian C. Busby.

He was born in Poland, Me., and joined the New England Methodist Conference in 1895. He served his first pastorate in Bradford while he was a student at Boston University.

He served churches in Swampscott, West Springfield, Holyoke, Everett, Woburn, Chelsea, Chicopee Falls, Springfield, Athol, and East Dedham.

Since his retirement he has served pastorates in East Templeton and in Saugus. He attended the Reading schools, and Wilbraham Academy.

He was a member of the Clerical Club of Boston, the Veterans of the Cross, and he had been a Mason for 50 years. He was the husband of the late Christian E. (Frey) Estes.

Funeral services were held May 28 at the First Methodist Church in Melrose with the Rev. John L. Ivey, associate pastor, officiating. Burial was in Wyoming Cemetery.

The Methodist Church at Vernon, Conn., has lost one of its oldest and most devoted members in the death, May 21, of MRS. DELIA E. (BROMLEY) STEPHENS, widow of the late William J. Stephens. Born Feb. 13, 1874, a daughter of the late Rev. and Mrs. Charles B. Bromley, she became the wife of Mr. Stephens at Old Lyme, Conn., in 1895. They came to live in Vernon in 1898 and, through all the years since, she held there a prominent place in both church and community life. For many years she was especially active in work with young people. She has held official positions not only in the local church but also in the Norwich District and New England Southern Conference organizations.

At her funeral, May 23, the Rev. Glenn D. Glazier of Cambridge, Mass., officiated, assisted by the Rev. W. E. Covell, Vernon pastor; the Rev. H. K. Mousley, Dist. Supt.; the Rev. C. S. Johnson, East Hartford pastor; and the Rev. S. P. Montgomery, Rockville, Conn., pastor. Surviving relatives include one daughter, Miss Marjorie Gates Stephens, schoolteacher, church organist, active in church affairs, and widely known; two sisters, Mrs. R. G. Von Tobel and Mrs. L. A. Whiting, Cranston, R. I.,; two brothers, Winfield C. Bromley, Cranston, and the Rev. Clinton E. Bromley, Stoughton, Mass.; and several nieces and nephews. She is held in loving Christian remembrance by a host of friends.

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JOSEPH H. CHAMBERLAIN, a former resident of Atlantic (Quincy), Mass., died in Lakeland, Fla., on March 7 while waiting to enter the building for the Leadership Banquet held during Founders' Week at the Florida Southern College. He was 66.

He operated hotels for many years where Methodists gather at Gettysburg, Pa.; Ocean Grove, N. J.; Asheville, N. C.; Lake Junaluska, N. C.; and at Lake Alfred, Lake Wales and Bradenton, Fla.

During the 1920s he was soloist, choir director, teacher of the men's Bible class and a generous giver to philanthropies in the Atlantic Church. He married Leila Hutchins, whose father, William D. Hutchins, was a prominent layman in the Maine Conference.

APPOINTMENTS

THE REV. JOHN A. DUSENBERRY, transferred to the New England Conference from the Northeast Ohio Conference, has been named as the new associate pastor with the Rev. Ernest R. Case of Immanuel Church, Waltham, effective July 1, according to an announcement by Bishop John Wesley Lord.

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THE REV. D. FAY ZINN has been transferred to the New England Conference from the New Hampshire Conference and appointed to the First Church, West Springfield, Mass., effective July 15. He will succeed the Rev. Samuel S. Cole, who was transferred to the Virginia Conference June 9.

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"BRIDAL COUPLE" WED 65 YEARS—The Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Willard O. Nuzum were given recognition in a special wedding ceremony at Orlando, Fla., for their record-breaking number of years of happy married life.

The Rev. Willard O. Nuzum, a retired member of the New England Conference, and Mrs. Nuzum were the honor guests at the Golden Wedding party conducted by the Greater Orlando, Fla., Chamber of Commerce on the evening of March 4 in the Municipal Auditorium.

A large number of couples who had been married 50 or more years also attended as guests and shared recognition as their names were called in the ascending order of years married.

But to the Nuzums went the special honor of being the longest married couple in Greater Orlando, with 65 years of married life together.

A formal wedding ceremony was conducted. Dr. and Mrs. Nuzum walked down the cloth-covered aisle to the accompaniment of the Lohengrin wedding march. A local minister officiated at the candelabra-lighted altar.

After the recessional a large wedding cake was cut and there was a general reception.

Dr. Nuzum and Jennie (Roberts) Nuzum were married Dec. 27, 1892, in Dodgeville, Wis. They have one son and five daughters, eleven grandchildren and eight great-grandchilden. They both enjoy good health, and they are happy in having with them in their home at 1905 Woodland Ave., Orlando, their daughter, Helen, and her husband, Vasht L. Howe. They look forward every month for the coming of ZIONS HERALD to their home.

On the following afternoon, after the Golden Wedding party, the "bridal couple" made their appearance on Orlando TV, and the strong voice of the sturdy preacher was heard in several minutes of excellent advice to younger people on the secrets of a long happy married life.

From the Cabinet

by Elwin L. Wilson

Superintendent, Bangor District,

Maine Conference,
The Methodist Church

Since all the conferences of the Boston Area hold their annual meetings in the spring, this is the season of the year when Bishop Lord and the district superintendents meet often with pastoral relations committees. The pastoral relations committee of a local church or charge is consulted whenever there is a change of ministers or when such a change is contemplated, or the committee itself may initiate discussions with the district superintendent concerning the present pastor. So at the close of the Annual Conference these committees are very much in a district superintendent's mind. Some of the memories are pleasant, others disturbing.

There is the committee, for example, which is almost exuberant at the prospect of having a young, attractive, capable minister appointed to its church in a few days. But there is also the committee of the church which is losing a young, attractive, capable minister. In the latter there may be a mixture of anger, resentment and tears. They are both made up of human beings with all the strength and weakness, concern and emotion, with which humans beings are endowed.

But there is need of a better understanding of the purposes and duties of the pastoral relations committee. Nearly ten years ago Bishop Lord prepared and circulated a four-page folder describing the work of this committee, with general suggestions as to its procedure. This was very helpful, but is now probably largely out of circulation.

There is one part of the work of this committee which is not sufficiently emphasized. This was made specific in the legislation of the 1956 General Conference, found in paragraph 145, section 2 of the *Discipline:* "The primary function of this committee is to aid the pastor in making his ministry most effective by being available for counsel, keeping him advised concerning conditions within the congregation as they affect relations between pastor and people, and keeping the people informed concerning the nature and function of the pastoral office."

Minister-Committee Relationship

The emphasis is upon a close, continuous, working relation between the committee and the minister. This relationship may be initiated by the pastor, as he asks the committee to confer with him, or it may be initiated by the committee by asking the minister for periodic sessions with him. The pastor should be anxious to learn from the committee what people of the congregation are thinking and saying about him and his work. An intimate and informal relationship should grow up between committee and pastor so that they can talk frankly and in the spirit of love about the effectiveness of the pastor in all phases of the work of the church.

Usually criticisms of a minister start about very inconsequential matters. Sometimes a pulpit mannerism, or preaching too often on some one theme, or his way of ignoring children, or inability to make himself heard in preaching, may be quickly and easily corrected if the minister knows what people are commenting about him. The pastoral relations committee should be eyes and ears for the pastor in this respect. The pastor should seek the counsel of the committee in a spirit of mutual trust and helpfulness.

A minister sometimes says to his superintendent, "I didn't know that there was any criticism of me in the church." Aside from the point that *every* minister is criticised adversely by some in his constituency, a pastor should be concerned to know how prevalent such criticism is, what are the basic complaints, and whether or not the criticisms are increasing to the point where it might be advisable for the church to have a change of ministers. "Faults are thick where love is thin" is noticeably true in the relation of the people of a church to its minister, and when criticisms multiply it may be assumed that loyalty is lessening or love weakening. The pastor should know what is happening, and the pastoral relations committee is his source of knowledge.

The committee, this makes clear, should be made up of mature, discerning, friendly people. People in the church should feel confident in talking

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th members of the committee that hat is said will be used carefully and diciously, and not become a matter gossip or false accusation. Mem- rs of the committee should talk with ople of the congregation about the inister, both helping the people to derstand him, and gleaning infor- ation which might be helpful to the inister. They should be a harmo- zing influence, the lubricant, if you ease, which makes the machinery n smoothly and effectively.

Member-Committee Relationship

All who are interested in the welfare the church should, then:

1. Try to see that the right kind of ople be elected to the pastoral rela- ons committee.

2. Talk with members of the com- ittee about your feeling towards the inister—tell them the things you e about him, as well as any you do t like.

3. Ask the members of the committee to tell you why the minister does certain things, what his main concerns and interests are, and how you can best fit into his program for the church. Get to know your minister.

4. Well in advance of the Annual Conference tell some member of the committee how you feel about the return of your minister for another year, and why you feel as you do about it.

Much misunderstanding and heartache could be avoided, and a more cooperative and effective ministry assured our churches, if this important committee would function as intended. But every member of the church and constituency should take his own responsibility, working with and through the committee as it tries to attain its high goals. Like all worthwhile undertakings, it is not easy, but may be richly rewarding. *End*

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Calendar Clippings

My Confession

by Walt Huntley

I'm not the saint folks think I am,
  I might as well confess;
There's many times I'm so ashamed
  Of my unworthiness:
I wish I were a perfect man,
  And had no faults or sin:
And be like other saints I hear
  Who all the vict'ries win:
And yet I wonder if it's true,
  When God looks from above:
If He can find one saint on earth
  Without one sin—to love.

Or, are most people just like me,
  And need a lot of grace;
And need forgiveness everytime,
  When they would seek His face?
I think if we were honest folks,
  We might as well confess
There's many times we're all ashamed
  Of our unworthiness:
And when we stand before His face,
  I'm sure we all will say:
"We're not the saints folks think we
    are—
  Forgive us Lord, we pray."

From: "The Sunday Guardian"
The Sunday League, Inc.
Newark, N. J.

WHEN GOD WANTS WORK DONE

God never goes to the lazy or idle person when He needs men for His service. When God wants a worker, He calls a worker; when God has work to be done, He goes to those already at work; when God wants a good servant, He calls a busy man. Scripture and history attest to this truth:

Moses was busy with his flocks at Horeb.

Gideon was busy thrashing wheat by the wine-press.

Saul was busy searching for his father's lost beast.

Elisha was busy plowing with twelve yoke of oxen.

David was busy caring for his father's sheep.

Nehemiah was busy bearing the king's wine-cup.

Amos was busy following the flock.

Peter and Andrew were busy casting the net into the sea.

James and John were busy mending nets.

Matthew was busy collecting taxes.

William Carey was busy mending and making shoes.

—Selected

From: "The Wesley Courier"
Wesley Methodist Church
Springfield, Mass.

A PASTOR SPEAKS TO HIS PEOPLE . . .

by Grace Noll Crowell

"You are my people given me to love,
To serve, to shepherd through the days ahead;
I pray to God that I may be worthy of
This honor; I am glad that I was led
To come to you, that through God's gentle grace
My lines have fallen in this pleasant place.
"I would be strong to work where there is need;
I would be true to serve you as I should;
And I would give the Bread of Life to feed
Each hungry soul who comes to me for food;
And I would honor with my every word
The blessed Saviour—Jesus Christ our Lord.
"I plead with you for patience. Should I make
An error, I would gladly make amends,
Or if some unintentional mistake
Be mine, I crave your understanding, friends.
As pastor and as people may we be
Builders together for Eternity."

From: "The Visitor"
Union Methodist Church
Fall River, Mass.

WORDS

"The five most important words:
  I am proud of you.

The four most important words:
  What is your opinion?

The three most important words:
  If you please.

The two most important words:
  Thank you.

The least important word:
  I."

From: "Trinity Union Herald"
Trinity Union Methodist Church
Providence, R. I.

O CHRIST

I am not strong till Thou has clasped my hand;
I am not fit till by Thy side I stand.
I am not brave till Thou hast come to me;
Till Thou hast bound me fast, I am not free.

—Author Unknown

From: Glendale Methodist Church
Everett, Mass.

Bookcase

Letters to My God, Dagobert D. Runes, ilosophical Library, Inc., 15 East 40th reet, New York 16, N.Y., 58 pages, .00. "A searching document of a soul hting for cognition in the realm of sticism and revelation."

Introducing the New Testament, Sec- d Edition — Revised and Enlarged, chibald M. Hunter, The Westminster ess, Witherspoon Bldg., Philadelphia Pa., 208 pages, $3.00. Complete study New Testament employing method first edition. For each unit of new ma- rial, story content, sources, authorship, d writer's special contribution to the rist drama are discussed. Emphasis on ity of books of New Testament in un- lding salvation story.

The Meaning of Christ, Laymen's The- ogical Library, Robert Clyde Johnson, e Westminster Press, Witherspoon dg., Philadelphia 7, Pa., 96 pages, .00. Attempts to do away with the con- ption of Jesus as examplar of soft- ss and meekness and to present a real- ic picture of the Christ. Pointing out at, whatever the differences among e churches they all confess the signifi- nce of Jesus' time on earth, the author nbarks upon the major part of his udy, how and for what intent the di- ne act was accomplished.

Let's Pray About It, Kenneth Clinton, e American Press, 489 Fifth Ave., ew York 17, N.Y., 104 pages, $2.50. editations on the value of prayer, dis- ssing how and where to pray. Spurred by his feeling for the need of an ever- creasing knowledge of effective prayer, e author deals with prayer of thanks- ving, of confession and forgiveness, d of petition, among others.

Channels of Thy Peace, Erma W. elley, Abingdon Press, 810 Broadway, ashville 2, Tenn., 111 pages, $2.00. editations on the prayer by Francis Assisi which has as its first line the tle of this book. Delves into the mean- g of hatred and love, wrong and for- veness, and doubt and faith.

Intercessory Prayer, Edward W. Bauman, The Westminster Press, Witherspoon Bldg., Philadelphia 7, Pa., 112 pages, $2.00. ". . . intended for those who wish to pray for others with power, love, and understanding. . . ." Presented in two parts: "The Problem of Intercession," offering answers to the serious objections raised in connection with the validity of intercessory prayer, and "The Practice of Intercession."

Scripture Studies, Alta King, Greenwich Book Publishers, 489 Fifth Ave., New York 17, N.Y., 63 pages, $2 50. Examines and refutes the concept of Christ as a "creative being of glory from the beginning," the interpretation sometimes drawn from the scriptures.

The Private Letters of Luke, Roger Lloyd, Channel Press, Great Neck, N.Y., 192 pages, $3.00. Characters and scenes from the New Testament are vividly recreated through the medium of an imaginaty correspondence between Luke and his friends. Among those portrayed as sensitive, intelligent men, touching the reader's finest emotions, are Theophilus, Silvanus, James, and Paul.

Below The Surface, compiled by Alice I. Hazeltine, Abingdon Press, 810 Broadway, Nashville 2, Tenn., 223 pages, $3.95. Stories from below the surface of both earth and sea—reaching in locale to the four corners of the earth and ranging in time from the copper mines of King Solomon to prospecting for uranium in the Canadian North Woods today.

Luther on Worship, Vilmos Vajta, Muhlenberg Press, 2900 Queen Lane, Philadelphia 29, Pa., 200 pages, $3.25. Based on Luther's writings, this book deals with the theology of worship. Concentrates on two main ideas: worship as the work of God and worship as the work of faith.

Four Existentialist Theologians, Will Herberg, Doubleday & Company, Inc., 575 Madison Ave., New York 22, N.Y., 346 pages, $4.00. Presents selections from the existentialist writings of four leaders in theological and philosophical thought—Jacques Maritain, Nicolas Berdyaev, Martin Buber, Paul Tillich. Includes extended introduction dealing with the direction and significance of the four men's thinking, the selections, and biographical material on each of the men.

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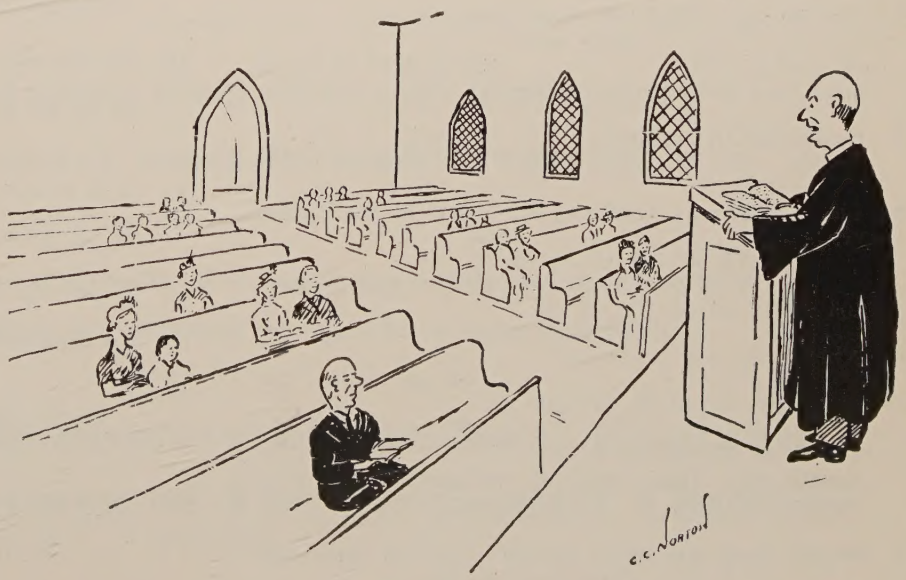

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BIBLE CLUE PUZZLE

by

W. P. Keasbey

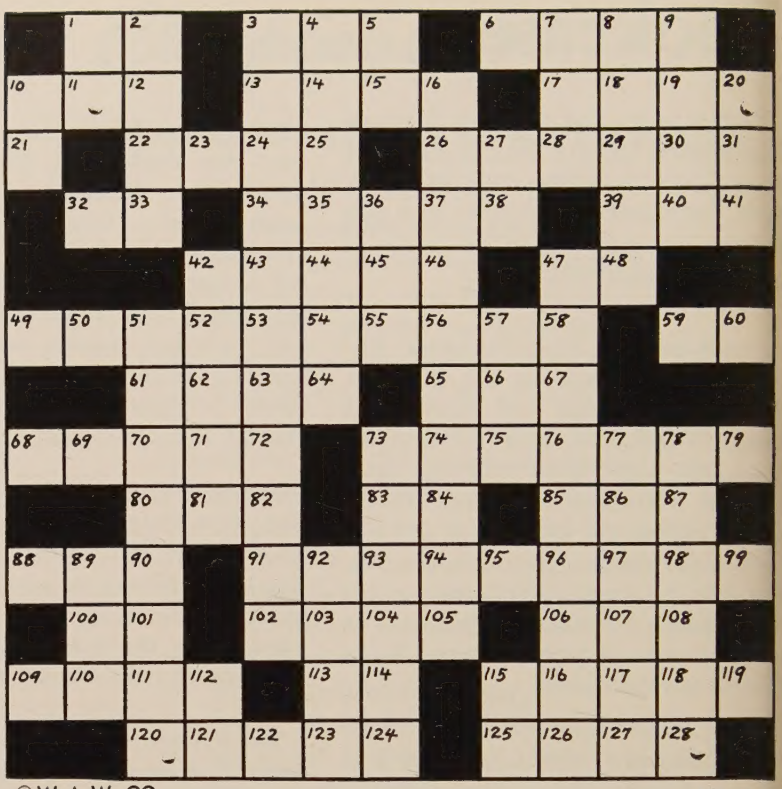
INSTRUCTIONS

To solve the puzzles, fill in the missing words in the Scripture clues. Under each letter of these words you will find a number. Write each letter in the square in the diagram which contains the same number as the letter. When you have written all the letters in their proper places, you will be able to read a memory verse of Scripture.

The Scripture references are taken from the King James Version of the Bible.

Answer for last month:

For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit: (I Pet. 3: 18)



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A FAST OF THE LORD

Number 6

1 .... the world .... you, ye know that it
1 13 110 106 10 90
hated me before it hated you. (John 15: 18)

2 Drought and .... consume the snow wa-
22 56 111 16
ters: so doth the grave which have
sinned. (Job 24: 19) 32 27 60 79 69

3 And he was withdrawn from them about a
.... cast, and ....
96 5 64 31 128 57 127 78 12 67 34 114 82
down, and prayed, (Luke 22: 41)

4 Remember the sabbath ...., to .. ..
it holy. (Ex. 20: 8) 45 118 72 119 30 86 93

5 That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that
ye, being .... and
75 4 101 17 53 99
.... in love, (Eph. 3: 17)
100 94 35 74 55 108 25 63

6 Wherefore, holy brethren,
.... of the
92 14 123 87 43 52 117 103 46
... . calling, consider the
7 122 80 24 105 44 85 125
Apostle and High Priest of our profession, Christ
Jesus; (Heb. 3: 1)

7 So the Lord was with Joshua; and his fame was
.... throughout all the
81 28 50 9 38 76
.... (Josh. 6: 27)
51 126 61 3 83 116 124

8 But I will sacrifice unto thee with the
.... of thanksgiving; I will pay that
121 91 8 26 104
that I have .... (Jonah 2: 9)
71 33 49 98 54

9 . . . I pray not for the world, but for them which thou
hast given me; for .... are .. ..
(John 17: 9) 39 66 77 113 6 89 21 62 41

10 The hearing ear, and the seeing eye, the Lord
.... made even .... of them.
40 23 65 11 115 84 59 18
(Prov. 20: 12)

11 And I will give children to be their princes, and
.... shall rule over them. (Isa. 3: 4)
73 19 42 95 37

12 Where the birds make their .. .. : as
107 120 15 112 58
for the stork, the fir trees are her house. (Ps. 104:17)

13 A .... answer turneth away wrath: but
29 36 102 109
grievous words stir up anger. (Prov. 15: 1)

14 Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and
all the .... of them. (Gen. 2: 1)
68 47 2 88

15 And the floors shall be full of wheat, and the
.... shall overflow with wine and oil.
48 70 20 97 (Joel 2: 24)

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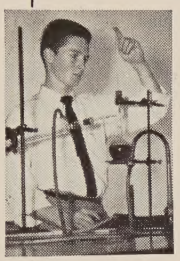

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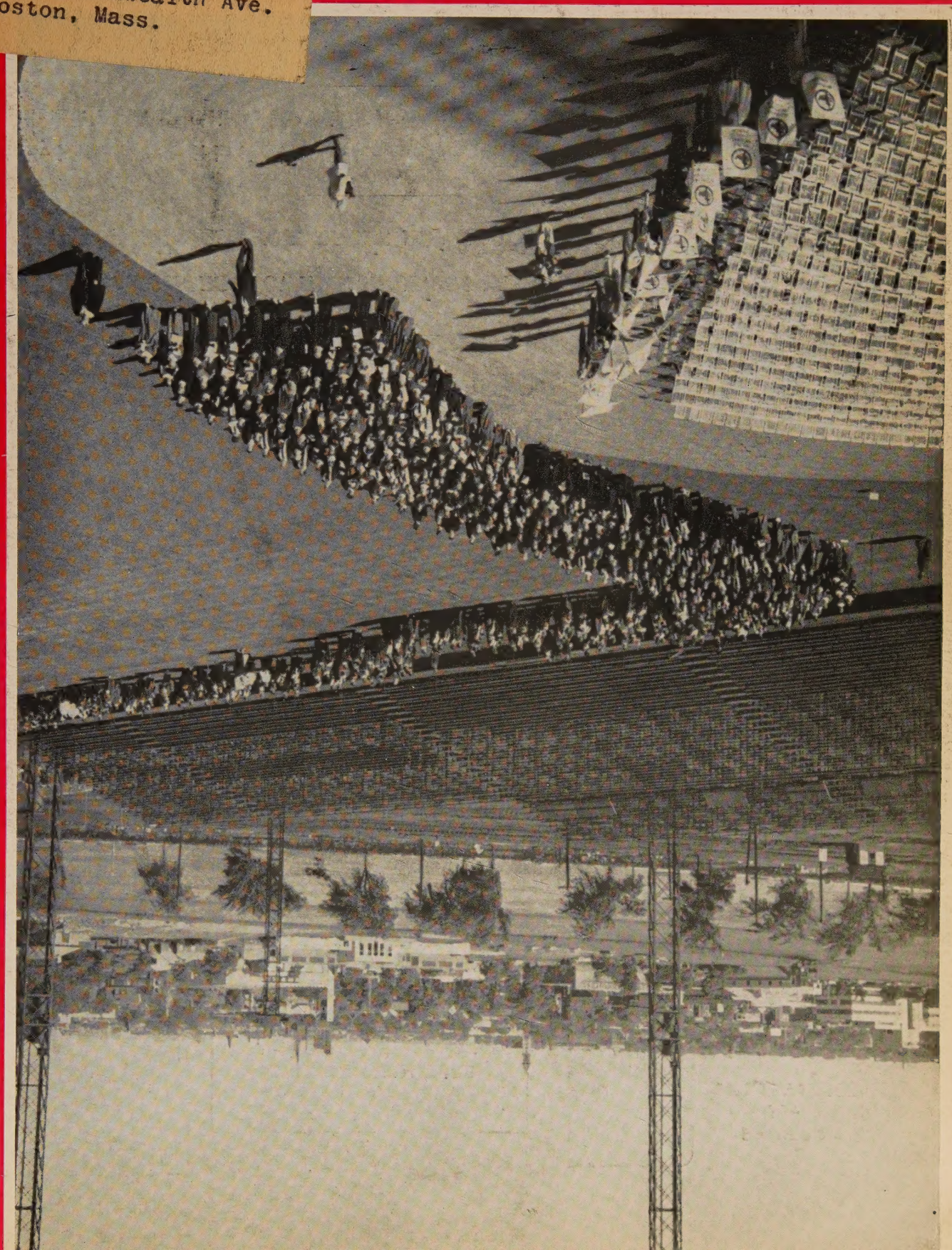
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